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PLAY BALL--COLORED LEAGUE MEETS

The Birmingl Reporter

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The boys will begin training in Ensley on the 16th and from there they will go to Columbus, Ga., Opelika, Hot Springs and wil return to their home grounds to meet the Memphis aggregation where three games will be played and the Birmingham boys promise to take them all. Manager Poindexter Williams says that he has the goods on the famous Rube Foster and will prove his ability to handle him if ever he heads South.

Southern League

JOE JEANNETTE NAMED AS REFEREE AND JUDGE

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Joe Jeanette, one of the greatest heavyweights ever developed in this country, was appointed a referee and judge by the New York State Boxing Commission on Saturday, February 24. Jeanette is the first Negro to receive such an appointment, and it is understood that he will officiate at clubs where mixed bouts are held.

Jeanette, who is now retired, began boxing in 1904, and has met some of the greatest heavyweights and light heavyweights in the world. He was a big favorite with boxing followers both in this country and in France, where he lived for several years. The French especially have a strong attachment for him, and when Carpentier came over to fight Jack Dempsey in 1921, Jeanette was the only American fighter who assisted in training him. His appointment will be well received.

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BASKET BALL CLUBS NEEDED

By FRANK YOUNG

Chicago Defender
4-21-23

The sporting editor of the Chicago Defender has watched the basket ball situation this year with much interest. The season as far as the public was concerned was a failure. The game itself was set back a few years because of some of the foolish notions of managers. Where is the old spirit of the St. Christopher famous five? Where was and why, did the Defender big five go to pieces? Why did Xenia beat Loendi with players that did not belong to them and in turn refuse to play Loendi on the latter's floor? Why did the New York Defender five blow up? Why didn't games draw down in New York and Chicago? All these questions are weekly put to me for answer and it would take a book to answer them all.

Basket Ball in Chicago

Basket ball in Chicago as it really exists is known to most of the people. They realize one person has placed it where it is. The attempt on the part of some people looking for glory, but not having any foresight to bring Loendi here against any patched-up team would have put the finishing touches on the present already regrettable situation. It would have been a walk-away for the Pittsburgh five and the basket ball fans of this city had a taste of that sort of thing when a team supposed to be of high caliber from New York blew into town last season and could play any basket ball. The members of the Defender fi e offered to play against Loendi and save the situation and with this agreed it was learned later that the "one little sap" who attempted to run the thing didn't want the public to get the square deal and so the Defenders' manager refused point blank to go on with the game. The public was to be considered.

There is only one way out of the chaos. One way to place the game back to where the public will come out and see it. This is in the form of a national association which was suggested to an Indianapolis man three weeks ago, and who seems to think highly of the move.

This association would be the means of furthering the sport and at the same time place it on a business basis. A league is my idea, with the Pittsburgh Loendis, the Chicago Defenders, the Indianapolis Ledger five, the Louisville "Y" team, the Harrisburg (Pa.) quintet, the Washington (D. C.) Alphas, the Baltimore Athenians, the Piedmonts of Newark, the Vandals of Atlantic City, the Commonwealths of St. Christopher, or the Spartans of New York City, and the St. Mark's five of Brooklyn, with possibly a Boston, New Haven or Yonkers club, the last three to be association clubs for exhibition games, while the other clubs are to be league clubs playing each team one game at home and one abroad. Other clubs could be made associated clubs, like Detroit, Evanston "Y," Cincinnati, Dayton, Cleveland (B. J. Bruggs) and Toledo.

There need not be any meeting place at present, but matters can be started through the mail. I would like, first of all, to have the managers of clubs in these cities write me their opinion on this suggestion. It is just as essential for this move to be made as it was for the baseball men to get together four years ago.

There is a possibility of two leagues working in harmony to be formed, and the winner of each league play for the national championship, but that is to come later. What the Chicago public would like to see is the eastern clubs in this association make one swing through the west and the eastern clubs then act as host to the western clubs. A word to the wise is sufficient. The public will watch developments.

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COLORED ATHLETES HAVE SET RECORDS

Track and Football Bring Out Talent in Past Years

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STANFORD HAS PRECEDENT

Major Leagues Have Barred Many Great Ball Players

By OWEN A. MERRICK

Stanford's withdrawal from the boxing matches scheduled with California last evening has stirred up considerable discussion regarding the admittance of colored boxers in collegiate competition, but like other differences in the past, will, without doubt, be ironed out to the satisfaction of both universities. The colored athlete has played a prominent part in such discussions in the past and will again, without doubt.

Looking at the situation from a neutral angle it appears that Stanford does not protest the competition of colored athletes in other lines of sport, but withdrew because "a fight" between members of the white and colored races might tend to cause trouble in athletic circles.

California's stand in the matter is perfectly proper, according to the standards set by the state institution which gives every student the same rights that is granted to another. On the other hand, Stanford authorities may point to precedents, if they would uphold their stand in the matter.

Good in Ring

The colored athlete has been given his opportunity in boxing, track, collegiate baseball, and in other minor sports. He has, in the past, never been given consideration in professional baseball, tennis, golf swimming and rowing.

Many colored stars have become famous in football. Back in the days when Minnesota had one of the greatest football teams in history, Marshall and Rogers, a negro and an Indian, played the ends for that great team.

Other colored athletes have made good on the gridiron, including such star performers as Robeson of Rutgers at end; Pollard of Brown, who competed against the Washington State team at Pasadena; Slater of Iowa, one of the greatest linesmen who ever appeared in conference football; Taylor of Northwestern, and others.

It is a noticeable fact that "Hurry Up" Yost, coach at a great state university, has never discovered any colored men for the Michigan varsity football team. Hundreds of colored athletes have attended school at Ann Arbor, but for some reason or other, never clinched a place on the team. Yost was formerly coach at West Virginia and Stanford. It might be mentioned that he has made his home in Nashville, Tenn., for a number of years.

Track Showing

The colored man has left his stamp on the cinder path and in the pits of the country. Such stars as Howard Drew, joint holder of the world's record, and Roy Morse, who won the national 220-yard dash in the national A. A. U. meet here in 1915, would represent the sprints. Sol Butler is another athlete who could run the 100 in flat time when he was at his best.

For the quarter mile we have J. B. Taylor, one of the greatest athletes of his day, who competed for Pennsylvania and was universally admired by all followers of track athletics. In 1907 Taylor was perhaps at his best. That year the A. A. U. meet was held at Norfolk, Va. Naturally, Taylor was not favored by the crowd and the same held good for many of the competitors. The great little colored runner ran around his field in the stretch to win the event in time close to 50 flat on a slow track.

Binga Desmond was another great quarter miler. The Chicago middle distance star could cover the distance around 48:2 and won a number of races. They have produced no milers like Jones, Ray and Tabor, but R. Earl Johnson of the Thomson Steel Works jumped into prominence in 1921, when he captured the five-mile championship. He again won last year, defeating Willie Ritola.

The colored men have more than held their own in the broad jump. Today the three greatest broad jumpers in the world are De Hart Hubbard, who represents Michigan this year; Sol Butler, winner of the A. E. F. championship, who has made close to 25 feet, and E. O. Gourdin of Harvard, holder of the world's record. A number of colored men have made good performances in other field events.

Track men such as Rogers of Pennsylvania, Lee of Amherst, Taylor of Penn State, Shelburne of Dartmouth and Layton of Columbia have scored many points for their respective institutions.

Absent From Majors

Stanford may take the big leagues as a precedent for their action. Although there have been colored players who could have made the majors they have never been given the opportunity. Rogan, one of the greatest all-around players who ever stepped on a diamond; Wickare, Johnson and others have been forced to show their talents with colored teams.

No great colored stars have become famous in tennis, golf, swimming and rowing. Competition in these sports has as a rule been confined to white athletes. In boxing many of the champions have refused to meet colored men, and Harry Wills today is being shunted back and forth for this reason.

The present dispute will certainly not have its effect on any other branch of athletics, and if the colored men at California make good with Walter Christie they will be seen facing the starter in the dual meet between the two institutions.

National Negro Baseball League.

NATIONAL LEAGUE SEASON OPENS SATURDAY, APRIL 28

By MISTER FAN

Chicago Defender

4-21-23

The National league race will open Saturday, April 28. A schedule of 105 games will be played. The first 15 games between league clubs will count as league games, all others as exhibition contests. The teams are on the edge. The 1923 season promises to be one of the greatest in the history of the league.

For the first time in the history of the league the American Giants will open the league season away from home, their opponents being the Kansas City Monarchs. It will be remembered that last year Rube Currie beat the Giants in Chicago on the openday, which was Saturday, and on the following day Bullet Rogan, the jinx, came back and was battling hard in the eighth frame against Dave Brown. The 16,000 fans, who were worked up to a fever heat, swarmed on the field. The game was called by agreement between the managers of the two teams after it was impossible to continue play, both the right and left fielders, Gardner and Lyons, being completely lost in the overflow.

The Kansas City club, after a strenuous training trip in Texas, on which they have not lost a game, have one of the most formidable clubs in the league. They will present the same line-up as in 1922 with the exception of Bubbles Anderson, who plays second this year after having been farmed to the All-Nations last season. Carr is the only missing member of the 1922 club, having jumped to the Eastern league, when Owner Wilkinson decided he was of no further good to the Monarchs and gave him to the St. Louis Stars, if Carr would report. He didn't. The league lost nothing in his going.

The American Giants have practically the same club as last year, only much better in the pitching department. Dave Brown, under indictment by the state attorney, jumped to the Lincolns of New York. Dave will not be missed as Foster has the services of Owens, a promising young right-hander from Meharry, who made good last year; Harney, from Gilkerson's Union Giants; Luther, from the same club; Strong, who shut Foster's club out last year while with Cleveland, and Wolfolk of Kentucky, a recruit of plenty of speed and ambition. It is also reported that Taylor would like to leave Joe Green and come with Foster this year. The infield is composed of DeMoss, Williams and Beckwith at third, while Grant still holds down the first base job. Smallwood is a promising young second sacker, while Gooden has had experience on the Pittsburgh Keystone club. O'Neil, Brown and Dixon will catch.

A battle royal is looked for when these two clubs hook up in the new association park in Kansas City. Through the column's of the World's Greatest Weekly the doings of all clubs will be recorded.

Blounts at Indiana Capitol

The Detroit Stars, owned by Tenny Blount, and piloted by Bruce Petway, will invade the Hoosier capital for their opening, the first time in the history of the league that Blount has opened the season with his club away from home. The host, or rather the hostess of that occasion, will be the Mrs. C. I. Taylor, widow of the late Hoosier club owner.

Tenny's outfit suffers the loss of Thomas at second, Warfield at third, and Holland in the box, but the proteges of Petway believe the club will be a first place contender without the jumpers and will positively land in first division.

The Hoosier club has many followers. They will find Charleston at first, with Dismukes supplanting Ben Taylor as manager. Mrs. Taylor is determined to make good and the business men of that city are with her strong.

St. Louis has an open date in the league schedule, as has Toledo. St. Louis will play an exhibition game against some local club in the Mound City, while Toledo will take on Joe Green's Chicago Giants during Foster's absence in Chicago. Dicta Johnson is piloting Toledo.

The Cuban Stars, with a number of new faces, especially a much-heralded third sacker, will open the season at Milwaukee against Pete Hill, who has as a nucleus of a good team the first baseman, catcher and pitcher of last year's New Orlean's Crescents. Hill says he can hold his own.

And, of course, in the league games umpires of Color will work. That is understood.

Torrienti arrived in town the first of the week and joined the American Giants in a stiff workout Tuesday afternoon.

U. S. CHAMPION BROAD JUMPER A RUNNER TOO

DeHart Hubbard College Star, Married; Wife in Cincy Schools

Afroamerican

Detroit, Mich., April 10.—Versatility is an attribute which DeHart Hubbard, University of Michigan star, has nothin' else but says the Independent. M. A. H. 13/2.

Though he competes in only four events, the dash, low and high hurdles and the broad jump in college, Hubbard participated in eight events in his high school days and was capable in all of them.

Hubbard attended the Walnut Hills High School in Cincinnati, Ohio. His record there is as follows:

High jump—5 ft. 8 in.
Javelin throw—140 ft.
Discus throw—112 ft. 9 in.
Hop, step and jump—45 ft.
100-yard dash—10 sec.
50-yard dash—5 2-5 sec.
120-yard high hurdles—16 2-5 sec.
Broad jump—23 ft. 6 in.

Plays Baseball Too

Track was not the only sport in which he engaged, either. He played center field in baseball, forward in basketball and in his senior year he was a halfback on the Walnut Hills gridiron eleven. In 1921, Hubbard represented his school in the Ohio State Fair track championship. In fact, he was their only man, but by taking six firsts and two seconds, he enabled them to finish in second place. On top of all this Hubbard had the highest scholastic attainments of any one in his class, graduating with an average of .89.

Nation-wide attention was first attracted to Hubbard by his performance in the national A. A. U. championship last year. He took three firsts, the senior broad jump, the junior broad jump and the hop, step and jump. In the first named, he defeated Gourdin, the Harvard Negro, who holds the world's broad jumping record. He also set a new national A. A. U. mark of 24 ft. 3½ inches in the junior broad jump.

Hubbard's work in the Western conference indoor season has been little short of remarkable.

Won 50-Yard Dash

He broke the Illinois' relay carnival broad jump record, smashed the Western conference 50-yard dash record and has been individual high score man in every meet in which Michigan has participated. In the carnival, his jump of 25 feet, 4½ inches would have set a world's broad jump mark but he is said to have over-stepped the mark in his take-off, and the leap was not allowed. He is expected to establish a world's record in this event outdoors.

Hubbard hopes to go to the Olympic meet in Paris in 1924. He may defend his titles in the hop, step and jump and the broad jump in the A. A. U. meet this year, if he is not too worn out by college competition. He will compete in the Penn Relays at Philadelphia the end of this month.

The colored athlete is a studious sort of an individual. His grades have been well above the average. And he is married, too, though his wife is still attending school in Cincinnati. Hubbard is taking a literary course.

LEAGUE SIGNS UP SIX UMPIRES FOR PLAYING SEASON

Chicago Defender 4/21/23

Six umpires have been signed by the Negro National league for the season of 1923 which starts on April 28. The signing of these men is the result of a long waged propaganda led by the Chicago Defender dating back some three years.

Last year Mr. Foster became disgusted with the service that the clubs of the league were getting, especially in St. Louis, and at the last meeting of the board of directors of the league which was held in this city in March it was decided that the time was ripe to try out Colored officials.

The signing of W. W. "Billy" Donaldson of Los Angeles was the first move. Donaldson comes with recommendations from ball players, business men and owners and managers of clubs. He will start his first experience in big league work at the American association park in Kansas City on Saturday afternoon, April 28, when Rube Foster's American Giants of Chicago will play the Monarchs in the opening game of the league there.

With Donaldson will be B. E. Gholston of Oakland, Cal., another man ho comes well recommended and o has done quite a bit of work in ifornia and Arizona.

Caesar Jamison of New York city and William Embry of Vincennes, Ind., will start work on April 28 when the Detroit Stars open at Indianapolis against the Indianapolis A. B. C.'s.

The other two already signed are Leor Augustine and Lucian Snaer both of New Orleans, who will appear on April 28 at Milwaukee wher the Cuban Stars will play the Milwaukee club of the league in the first of a five game series.

Tom Johnson will be held in reserve while others will be tried out Johnson is a former member of Foster's club and has seen service in France with the American expeditionary force.

NATIONAL NEGRO LEAGUE IN FIFTH ANNUAL MEETING

Birmingham Admitted As Active Member. Pennant Is Awarded To K. C. Monarchs. No Trades Or Sales Have Been Announced.

Special To The Argus

St. Louis Argus

St. Louis, Mo.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 10—Chicago was again the scene of the fifth annual meeting of the Negro National League, which opened its sessions Wednesday morning and closed Friday night. The following club owners were in attendance: Andrew R. Foster, Chicago American Giants; John Tenny Blount, Detroit Stars; Mrs. C. I. Taylor, Indianapolis A. B. C.'s; Dr. G. B. Key and Richard Kent, St. Louis Stars, and Jim Tay- manager of the St Louis Stars; Rush, Birmingham, Ala.; Black Barons, J. L. Wilkinson, Kansas City Monarchs and Secretary Gilmore of the Monarchs. Visitors to the meeting were: John T. Matthews Daytona Marcos; Mr. Gilkerson of the Gilkerson Union Giants and others. The newspaper men attending were Frank A. Young, Chicago Defender; A. D Williams, Mid-West Newspaper Syndicate; Al Munroe, Chicago Whip.

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Much interest was manifested by all members during the session in the matter of efficient handling of the league, and also in the making of schedule. One solid day was devoted to discussion of matters relative to building up all weak spots that have appeared or might appear in the operation of the league.

Colored Umpires To Stay

There is no doubt of the stability of the colored umpires of the league. They are here to stay. Of course some of the ones carried last season may be replaced by others, who in the judgment of the Board of Directors, might be more efficient, but the fact remains that the dark umps are to remain on the firing line. President Foster instructed club owners to see that players of their clubs did not enter into any violent or unnecessary arguments with the umpires, stating that this would have a tendency to intimidate the umpires and create a false impression among the fans. Mr. Blount pointed out that if the players were not curtailed in their kicking on decisions of umpires that it would eventually lead the fans to unjustly think that the players had just cause to protest. Appropriate legislation was enacted to care for this situation

Birmingham, Ala. Admitted

Mr. Joe Rush, Birmingham, Ala. owner of the Black Barons, made application to the league for membership and was accepted. This wields a link in the chain between the midwest and the south that should go far in making the league the real big thing that was paramount in the minds of the men who created it. It is hoped that in the near future the Eastern section might be prevailed upon to see the futility of separation when as was stated, it is very poor business for three sections or fractions to try to operate successfully to the advantage to all concerned. Birmingham Black Barons will place a club in the league that will without doubt take its place along with the older clubs of the circuit, and with the material already possessed by the club and that which can be secured, there is no reason why the southern entry cannot prove as good an attraction as other league clubs.

Increased Publicity

The publicity of the league was discussed at length and agreed by all club owners that in the future they would see that their secretaries sent in reports of all games and other matters of interest to the newspapers and the public. It was pointed out that while some of the clubs complied with this specific order during the past season some of the clubs failed to respond and handicapped the league as well as newspapers who were expecting this service. By increasing the scope of the publicity department of the league, during the 1924 season, according to this new arrangement, no fan should be without news of the league, consisting of box scores, pitching, fielding and batting averages of all players of the league clubs as well as a weekly standing of the clubs.

No Trades Reported

The trading fever was at low ebb and consequently no trades or sales were consumated. However, there is an indication that the trading bee will sting some of the club owners before the winter chill has blown over It is thought that this lull in the trading market is due to the fact that most of the league clubs during the past season were pretty much on an equal footing and that in view of this fact few of the club owners were out after men to strengthen their clubs However, indications are that the American Giants will start a club this coming season that will be considerably stronger the one of the past season. Detroit will add a third baseman, while St. Louis will probably add another infielder. Indianapolis is satisfied to stick with the same club as reprsented in last season provided satisfactory contacts can be signed with the players. Kansas City is another club that can stay with the same lineup and still present another pennant winning contender.

Pennant Awarded to Monarchs

The 1923 Negro National League Pennant was awarded to Kansas City Monarchs with impressive pomp and ceremonies. "It is a pleasure to me," stated President Foster, "to see the Kansas City Monarchs win the pennant this year, despite the fact that my club finished behind, this in itself proves the sterling quality and ability of the club from the West. The pennant will be raised at the Muehlbach Park, Kansas City, perhaps May , 1924, when the league season opens.

The following cities will form the ircuit the coming season: Chicago, St. Louis, Detroit, Indianapolis, Birmingham, Kansas City and the Cuban tars, and one other club which will e announced later.

The league opening date has been xed for Saturday, May 3, and the losing date as October 1.

NO TRADES MADE; FOSTER RE-ELECTED PRESIDENT AT THE FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION

Chicago Defender

The fifth annual meeting of the Negro National league and National Association of Colored Professional Baseball clubs opened last Thursday morning at the Appomatox clubhouse, 3632 Grand Blvd., and closed late Friday night after re-electing Andrew Rube Foster president to succeed himself. The board of directors remain the same. It was the most peaceful meeting in the history of the organization.

The club owners attending were Andrew Rube Foster of the American Giants, J. L. Wilkinson of the Kansas City Monarchs, Dr. J. B. Keyes and Richard Kent of the St. Louis Stars, Mrs. C. I. Taylor of the Indianapolis A. B. C.s, Capt. Joe Rush of the Birmingham Black Barons, John Mathews of the Dayton Marcos, Owner Gilkerson of the Union Giants of Spring Valley, Ill., John T. Blount of the Detroit Stars, Joe Green of the Chicago Giants, Quincy J. Gilmore, secretary of the Kansas City Monarchs, Jim Taylor, manager of the St. Louis Stars and A. D. Williams who is head of the Midwest Newspaper syndicate.

The first day was used in building up weak spots in the organization and the laying of plans for a uniform schedule which will make it possible for every other team in the league to play the other teams sixteen games each.

Umpires to Stay

12-15-23

The return of brown skin umpires was assured when the vote was unanimous. Some of those used last season may be replaced by others who, in the judgment of the board of directors may be more efficient. Owners and managers were voted to be responsible for the actions of ball players who seek to intimidate arbitrators. Legislation to deal with this evil was passed and placed in the constitution and by-laws.

The application of Joe Rush of Birmingham for his Black Barons to become a regular operating club in the league was voted on and accepted. Mr. Rush deposited his $1,000 entry fee and bought the franchise of the Milwaukee club, paying over $2,000 for it. 12-15-23

Mr. Rush in his word of thanks to the directors for admitting his club said that Birmingham was well prepared to give a good account of itself and would give some of the big clubs a real hot time this season. His first move was to sign Sam Crawford, former manager of the Kansas City Monarchs, as manager. Crawford will strengthen the Alabama nine in such a way that all big clubs are warned to be on the lookout.

Fans will be further benefited as a systematized way of keeping track of the batting, base running and pitching averages this year will come under the supervision of the president's office through the publicity department.

Trades were attempted, but at the present time no deals were formulated, magnates preferring t. wait until the next meeting of the board of directors, which is scheduled for the first month in the new year. Notwithstanding this fact, it is rumored that several men on the American Giants' reserve list of players will be found on another club this season. It is a well-known fact that Foster, while relinquishing the lead to the Kansas City Monarchs this summer, was bitterly disappointed with the showing of his club, which finished in third place.

Pennant to Monarchs

Detroit will add another third baseman while St. Louis is after an infielder. Indianapolis is satsified with it's present roster, providing the men sign contracts as issued to them. It is necessary that all clubs strictly adhere to the salary limit. Kansas City, winners of the league race, will remain intact with Jose Mendez at the helm.

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Owner Wilkerson, in his response on behalf of the club, made a brief talk in which he predicted another pennant flying over the Monarchs' home grounds. The 1923 pennant will be raised at Muehlback park, Kansas City, on May 3, according to present arrangements.

Clubs of the following cities will form the 1924 circuit: Kansas City, Detroit, Chicago, Indianapolis, Cuban Stars, St. Louis, Birmingham and another club to be announced later. The opening date has been fixed as the first Saturday in May and the closing the first Sunday in October.

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General

SAM BUSH MAKING HISTORY ON FRENCH RACING SOIL

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Defender

Sam Bush, the American Colored steeplechase rider and trainer, whose home is in Baltmiore, Md., is enjoying a successful season in France, where he is handling several good jumpers for the stable of the Russian owner, L. Mantacheff. Despote, a three-year-old jumper, by Sardanapale and Dragee d'Or, which Bush developed, was recently sold by Mantacheff to the sensational plunger, Heliopoulos, for a reputed price of $20,000.

The last Sunday in November at Auteuil was Bush's real day of triumph. He won the Prix Magne with Despote and the rich Prix Richard Hennessy with Boy Prince. Both of these horses were outsiders and their victories were the occasion of considerable surprise. "Le Sport Universal," a French sporting journal, describes the events of the day as follows:

"This was the second Sunday in a row that the results of the steeplechases at Auteuil marked a complete rout for the form players. Auteuil is usually our most formful course, where the results are more often logical than not, but we live evidently in a time when we must be surprised at nothing, and even the staid Auteuil is invaded by the universal madness.

His First Start at Auteuil

"It used to be an axiom that a horse never won the first time he started at Auteuil, especially when he was making his bow in a field that was familiar with the course. Accordingly in the Prix Magne all the support went to Adrastus, Tribord and Come Again, all the ends as he has always done since he came to West Virginia three years ago. The backfield interference was superb. Coach Laws of Lincoln said that it was the best he had ever seen. The famous "Whirlwind" Johnson said that with the same interference he could gain as much ground as he wanted against any team at any time. Lincoln worked one long pass, the only long pass to be completed against the West Virginians this season. Thereafter several of Lincoln's passes were intercepted, so that the Lions were actually afraid, in the last quarter, to use their only means of winning the game—long forward passes.

Institute was one of the few teams to be blessed with two good quarterbacks. Gough, who ran the team most of the time, was at his best in Wilberforce. His judgment and selection of plays showed an intimate familiarity with the game. His running back of punts was spectacular. His forward passing has always been true and unerring. He and Bowles, who occasionally alternated, have been a great asset to the team.

The ends, Smith and Turner, are a couple of the best ends in collegiate three of which were recent winners over the course. In spite of his light weight assignment, his good showing at Enghien and his record on the flat, the public would have none of Despote, which was making the first Auteuil start of his career.

"But Despote has made such progress since his debut at Enghien behind Rosy Cheeks that his ignorance of the course never figured, and he cantered across the finish literally pulled up in front of Tribord, Adrastus and Come Again. From Tribord and Come Again he had received a weight concession of nine pounds, and from Adrastus he was receiving twice that amount. From the manner of his winning it is a question whether he could not have beaten them just as easily as equal weights. It was certainly a sensational debut.

"Tribord, Adrastus and Come Again are by no means negligible quantities. In beating them as he did Despote immediately took first place among jumpers of his age—a truly amazing ascension of the ladder with no attention to the intermediate rungs. Over the obstacles as well as on the flat the Mantacheff jockeys are showing their colors in front with great regularity.

"Scarcely recovered from this shock, we were subjected to a still more startling upset in the Prix Richard Hennessy. Remembering, no doubt, that before he was sold to G. Tixier he was a stable companion of Despote, Boy Prince took his example from the Mantacheff horse and went on his way to an unexpected victory.

"Of course, he had a victory to his credit in his last previous start, but when it is considered that the horse he beat in that race was Altimeter, which finished a thoroughly beaten fourth in the claiming race which started the afternoon's sport, that was not much of a recommendation. From such company to a victory over such horses as Bassan, Bandit II. and Corot is a far cry, especially when it is remembered that Boy Prince had a hard time beating this same Altimeter. Profound mystery of the horse mind!

"On the occasion of this important stake Boy Prince showed himself to be a horse that we had never known and at least fifteen to twenty pounds better than anybody had suspected. Certainly we should be surprised at nothing, and, so far as that is concerned, in view of the remarkable progress that this horse has made in so short a time, we can be justified in hoping, or even expecting, that soon we will see some of our thoroughbreds developing into giants of the turf, whose prowess has never before been approached.

"It is only just to add in respect to Boy Prince that every element in the race seemed to shape itself toward his ends. It was almost immediately evident that Corot had not recovered from the severe demands made upon him in the Prix Montgomery and the strenuous demands of the Prix Richard Hennessy caught him unprepared. Bandit II., for his part, showed remarkable speed for the first third of the distance, but he weakened after that and certainly was not in his best form. Orion fell at the "riviere des tribunes." Bassan and Barker alone ran their races. At that, Bassan favored his right leg to such an extent that he used up most of his energy early and had little speed left for the finish, and if Boy Prince did wear him down rather easily in the final run on the flat it was not because he was running so fast, but rather because Bassan was slowing up considerably.

"As for Barker, he had a bad fall in his last previous race, and he jumped through the contest as a horse will after such an experience—with extreme caution. Besides that he made a serious blunder at the eighth fence. All these things tended to prevent his being up among the leaders when the final drive began, but he made such an excellent showing in the last few yards that it is to be expected that he will turn the tables on Boy Prince at their next meeting."

Siki Sues French Boxing Federation

new York News

Senegalese Turns to Courts to Regain Title of Which He Was Robbed

1-6-23

PARIS, Jan. 6 (Crusader Service). —Battling Siki, former European heavyweight champion, has started legal proceedings against the French Boxing Federation, which recently robbed him of the title he won from Georges Carpentier and suspended him for nine months upon charges of various escapades usual to the boxing fraternity and for which no white champion has ever been penalized.

Siki has had a summons served on Paul Rosseau, president of the federation, directing him to produce within three days the records upon which he was disqualified.

The document maintains that the federation is without justification except in purely boxing matters and that the disqualification was based upon alleged conduct not related to boxing.

The federation's decree was illegal in any case, Siki contends, because he was not allowed to give testimony and the decision was never legally served on him.

The commission appointed by the French Boxing Federation to investigate charges that the fight between Siki and Carpentier was a "frame-up" whereby the white man was to be allowed to win and would have won but for Siki's change of mind in face of the taunts of the spectators concluded its work of taking evidence and will report some time next week.

HOWARD PLAYERS GIVE ORIGINAL PLAY IN HONOR OF FOREIGN STUDENTS

1-27-23

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 22.—The Howard Players of the Howard University inaugurated their dramatic work for the year with the presentation of two one-act plays in the Andrew Rankin Memorial Chapel on the University Campus, Friday evening, January 19, 1923, at 8 o'clock. The performance was arranged as a special compliment to the visiting students from European universities. The University Orchestra assisted materially with a number of selections and by the accompaniment to the various dances portrayed.

The distinctive feature of the evening was the production of "The Death Dance," an original race drama, written by Thelma Duncan, a student in the university, with special dance music arranged and composed by Victor Kerney. This play is based upon the religious beliefs and customs of the Vai tribe in Liberia on the West Coast of Africa. Through the courtesies of the officials of the Smithsonian Institution the properties used in the play will be drawn from the remarkable Ward exhibit of African civilization, recently installed in the museum. In "The Death Dance" Kathleen Hilyer by her excellent dancing and J. W. Nicholson by his studied interpretation of the medicine man role should receive high praise for their work. Other persons in the cast included P. J. Chesson, F. Spaulding, Bernard Walter and A. Burke. The production has been under the special direction of Victor Kerney.

Grace Nash as Pierretta in "The Maker of Dreams" was particularly effective in her delineation of the character and received much applause for her efforts. The cast of this beautiful fantasy consisted of Grace Nash, Alfred Smith and Jennings Newsome.

The scenery and costumes for both plays are the work of the Players in their dramatic workshop.

The Howard Players are under the direction of Montgomery Gregory and Marie Moore Forrest. They are developing the work at Howard University with a view to the ultimate establishment of a Negro theatre.

By the continual presentation of dramatic works the university hopes to raise enough to build a theatre and make a dramatic course a part of the regular curriculum.

SIKI SUES FRENCH BOXING COMMISSION.

1/13/23

Dallas Express

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ROBESON, FOOTBALL STAR, QUITS LAW FOR PRIZE RING

1-20-23

(By A. N. P.)

Dallas Express

New York City, N. Y., Jan. 18.—The same grit and sterling elements of character which established one of the great historical stars of college football have impelled Paul Robeson to quit an unprofitable law practice and go in for professional prize fighting. "Law doesn't pay so I am going into fit myself to lick Harry Wills and then knock Jack Dempsey into a delirium of oblivion blacker than Harry's shadow."

Paul Robeson, Colored football, baseball, and basketball star at Rutgers University four years ago and all-American left end in 1918 intends to follow the latter course.

"Robey" is a lawyer by profession, but every day in every way business is getting worse and worse. The clients simply won't come. And as Paul is married and has a family, the necessity of clients is easily seen.

So the big Colored star, who weighs 225 pounds and stands 6 feet, 8 inches in his stocking feet, inntends to enter the ring within the neaer future to establish himself as the leading Colored heavy weight contender. Harry Wills and Jack Dempsey are the men "Robey" wants to get, and he had not the slightest doubt as to his ability to tame the black panther and the artful dodging white champion.

MULDOON EXTENDS BAN ON TITLE BOUTS

New York Times

Announces All Heavyweight Championship Contests Are Barred in This State.

2-5-23

EXPLAINS DRASTIC RULING

Says Talk of Excessive Purses Has Caused Situation to Become a "Common Nuisance."

Chairman William Muldoon of the State Athletic Commission, who recently announced that he would not allow Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills to fight in this State, further extended the boxing board's ban on heavyweight championship bouts yesterday. At his home in Purchase, N. Y., Muldoon, in discussing the existing heavyweight situation, declared emphatically thta the commission would not permit any bout under its jurisdiction in which Dempsey's heavyweight title would be at stake.

The reasons for his latest ruling, Muldoon said, were similar to those which led him to announce unalterable opposition on the part of the commission toward the proposed Dempsey-Wills bout. The excessive publicity involving public discussion of half-million and million dollar purses and the disturbances he said invariaby resulted from boxing matches where financial conditions were so much out of proportion, when compared to the existing economic conditions, were the reasons detailed by the commission Chairman for his extension of the prohibition on championship heavyweight matches.

"You can say that the State Athletic Commission will not permit in this State any bout in which the heavyweight championship is involved," said Muldoon. "There has been altogether too much noise, with all the tommyrot and loose talk of money-mad managers and promoters, until the situation has developed into a common nuisance to all classes of people. Such a condition is not beneficial to boxing. It is for the best interests of boxing that such conditions be eliminated. In its expressed attitude I think the commission has evolved a way for elimination this condition.

Ridicules Talk of Racial Bias.

"The talk that the commission, in its latest rulings, has been actuated by racial prejudice, is laughable. As a matter of fact, the commercialization of boxing, as was indicated in the advance discussion and newspaper accounts of negotiations for a world's heavyweight championship match, prompted the commission's action. Promoters and managers discuss championship matches without any regard whatever for moderate financial details. This money talk is out of all proportion, and unless checked will work a detriment to the sport of boxing. The commission will continue its work of eradicating this danger from boxing until the sport is safe."

With this statement Muldoon dismissed the heavyweight situation from further consideration: "I am not concerned with any future talk of heavyweight championship matches," he said. "The ymay be held by promoters outside of New ork, but never in this State while I am on the State Athletic Commission. So far as the Commission is concerned, there is nothing to worry over in this respect."

Muldoon repeated his confidence in the support of the boxing patrons for the action of the Commission. As indicating the satisfaction felt by some of the sport's followers, Muldoon mentioned a number of lon-distance telephone messages of congratulation he had received during the afternoon. One of these calls came from Philadelphia, another from New Haven, and another from this city. A woman was among those who telephoned him, Muldoon said, and voiced her approval of the stand the Commission has taken.

Kearns and O'Rourke Meet Today.

Whatever hopes existed for a bout here in which Dempsey would defend his title this year, are, to all intents and purposes, dissipated under the latest pronouncement from Muldoon. For this reason it is regarded as unlikely that any particularly significance will attach to the scheduled meeting this afternoon of Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, and Tom O'Rourke, matchmaker for the Republic A. C., which has a license to conduct bouts at the Polo Grounds. O'Rourke has submitted a sealed bid to Kearns for Dempsey's services in contemplated bouts against Joe Beckett, English heavyweight champion, and Wills.

In submitting his bid, O'Rourke declared that all negotiations were of necessity subject to the approval of the State Athletic Commission. Since the commission has issued a ban against all world's heavyweight championship matches, it is likely all negotiations for Dempsey's services in the ring will be suspended.

While this result has been indicated since last Thursday, there has as yet been no definite announcement that all heavyweight championship bout plans had been abandoned. Kearns will give his answer to O'Rourke this afternoon as scheduled, it was said last night by Dan McKetrick, Kearns's Eastern representative.

SENATOR WALKER BELIEVES HARRY WILLS DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BY STATE BOARD

Father of State Boxing Insists That There Is Nothing in Law to Prevent Negro Meeting Dempsey, and That American Spirit of Fair Play and Sportsmanship Demand He Be Given Chance at Title.

By Ed Van Every.

SENATOR JAMES J. WALKER, father of the bill that brought boxing back to this State, believes that the State Athletic Commission has shown discrimination against the Negro champion, Harry Wills, and intimates that if there is no Dempsey-Wills match in this State it will not be because of Mr. Muldoon's reported objection to it. Tom O'Rourke, matchmaker of the Republic A. C., the writer has been given to understand, plans a move that he thinks will bring about a showdown on the part of the State Athletic Commission on the question of a heavyweight title bout. This week promises to be a vital one for boxing in the Empire State, and if it survives it, then the game has more lives than nine cats.

Tom O'Rourke, we are advised, will show that he is ready to meet the conditions imposed by the commission for the promotion of a Dempsey-Wills match and will then move to have the commission show cause why said commission raises a ban against the match after the Republic A. C. has been put to considerable expense to bring about a meeting between the two men.

The conditions as set forth by Mr. Muldoon under which a Dempsey-Wills match would be permitted were: Arrangements to seat not less than 100,000 persons; 40,000 admissions at not less than $2 each; a security of $250,000.

"If the Republic A. C., or any other club in this State," O'Rourke wants to know, "is ready to meet these conditions, on what ground can the State Athletic Commission refuse a license for the staging of a Wills-Dempsey match?"

Possibly William Muldoon stipulated conditions that he thought would scare off the promoters but his actions last year must be taken as an indication that he favored a meeting between the white and the colored champion.

If there is discrimination against the Negro champion, as seems to be the case despite Muldoon's assertions to the contrary, then Senator Walker will insist that such discrimination is not tolerable under the boxing law of which he is the sponsor, nor will it appeal to the American spirit of fair play and sportsmanship.

In an interview with the writer the Senator seemed to lay special stress on the facts that:

The State Athletic Commission has insisted that there is nothing in the present boxing law to prevent matches between white and Negro boxers, in fact there have been so-called "mixed bouts" at practically every fight club in Greater New York;

The State Athletic Commission ordered Jack Dempsey to defend his title against some fitting contender and to stop commercializing his title under the threat of declaring his title as heavyweight champion vacated—this was in June last year;

The State Athletic Commission accepted Harry Wills's challenge for the heavyweight title along with a forfeit of $2,500 and stipulated a period within which Dempsey must recognize the challenge of the Negro champion. Dempsey signed this agreement to meet Wills as insisted on by the commission;

That the State Athletic Commission outlined for The Evening World, Sept. 5, 1922, the following conditions under which a match between Dempsey and Wills would be senctioned;

That the State Athletic Commission held the forfeit of $2,500 posted by Harry Wills along with his challenge until Feb. 3 of this year, a period of over six months.

A special point we are given to understand is to be made of the following section of the Muldoon statement as published in The Evening World of Sept. 6 last, and in which the Chairman of the Boxing Commission stated:

"Only two conditions wait on the final arrangement of the (Dempsey Wills) match—a bona fide bid from a responsible promoter and the assurance of safeguards as will guarantee that the match can in no way reflect on the good name of boxing or leave an ill-flavored aftermath."

"If Mr. Muldoon is not showing discrimination against Harry Wills on account of his color," said Senator Walker, "then he has been guilty of no little inconsistency in his acts bearing on the defense of the heavyweight title. And if there is discrimination it is not legal under the boxing law with which my name is associated. If a Dempsey-Wills match will endanger boxing then the game and the laws which sanction it are not big enough to insure its legality and I must move for its repeal."

"They talk of discrimination against the Negro champion," complains Jack Kearns. "But how about the discrimination against the champion of the white race? Just get this:

"Dempsey was forced into a match with Wills.

"Dempsey proved he was ready to defend his title on three week's notice.

"Dempsey turned down a million dollar motion picture contract to come East and defend his title.

"Dempsey has made no purse demands of any kind.

"Dempsey gave a responsible promoter, Tex Rickard, a six day option on his signature for a meeting with any contender and barred no opponent. What actuated the sudden change on the part of Rickard within less than a week?

"Dempsey was ordered to fight Harry Wills; now he is told he cannot fight any one in the State of New York."

IS SPORTING EDITOR OF WHITE DAILY

2-23-23

Afro-American
Baltimore, Md.

By J. A. Jackson.

We have just looked over "The Martin County Independent," a very lively six-page daily paper, published in Fairmont, Minn. On the front page, we find a running description of a basketball game in a signed article by Harry Earle, who according to the two columns with a double column caption on an inside page, is the sporting columnist that is the accepted sporting authority in his territory.

Earle is our own Harry formerly of the starring team of Alexander and Earle. He deserves great credit, and the community still more for its genuine democracy. The publisher goes into the history of the decade as one of America's few men of real courage. Fairmont, Minn. must be a great little town. May it ever prosper.

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General

MULDOON AND THE COLOR LINE.

New York Age — N.Y.

Sporting circles in New York are greatly stirred over the position of William Muldoon, Chairman of the State Athletic Commission on Heavyweight Boxing Bouts. Mr. Muldoon is reported as having made the following statement: 2-17-23

> **"There will never be a Wills and Dempsey or a Willard and Dempsey Bout for the Heavyweight Championship in this state so long as I am head of the New York State Athletic Commission. The opposition to such bouts is in no way attributal to any of the boxers named."**

Mr. Muldoon's statement has brought forth a storm of criticism from the sporting writers and also in the editorial columns of the New York newspapers. Bitter protest against Mr. Muldoon's position was also voiced by Senator James M. Walker, who is the so-called father of the New York Boxing Glove. Senator Walker is reported as saying:

> **"If Mr. Muldoon has been correctly quoted then I must raise my voice in protest. If Mr. Muldoon has barred Mr. Harry Wills I suppose then it is because of his color. If that is the case I will not have my name associated with a boxing law that is so un-American as to discriminate against race, color or creed."**

It is gratifying to see the reaction to Mr. Muldoon's statement of those who are most concerned with the sport of boxing in this state. Mr. Muldoon should not be permitted to interpret the New York boxing law in any such arbitrary fashion. There is no discrimination in the law itself. The discrimination is purely a matter of Muldoon's personal sentiments.

Mr. Muldoon seems to fear that mixed bouts will ruin the boxing game and bring the whole profession of pugilism to ruin and disaster. Why Mr. Muldoon, who is quite familiar with the history of pugilism in the United States, should have any such fears it is difficult to understand indeed.

Discrimination against colored prize-fighters has become a general policy only within the last ten years—that is since Jack Johnson's fight with Jim Jeffries. Before that time it was the commonest sort of occurrence to match colored men against white men. But if the times have so changed that boxing matches between white and colored men will result in riots and race clashes then it is best that the whole institution of prize fighting should be abolished.

The boxing situation in New York State places a direct duty upon the colored press, colored politicians and colored citizens. The situation is one which they should not tolerate. The white newspapers have all protested against the injustice of barring colored boxers. Senator Walker, the father of the present boxing law, has protested and said that he will introduce a new bill if necessary in order to change the present condition. A strong united and determined protest from colored people themeslves is yet lacking.

So long as boxing is a legal sport we ought to see to it that the colored men in the game have a fair show.

FANS SUPRISED AT ACTIONS OF EASTERN LEAGUE

Ask Why Four Good Clubs Were Left Out in Cold; Also About Bolden

1/13/23

Chicago Defender

An article recently appearing in the daily Public Ledger of Philadelphia under date of Dec. 21, 1922, states that an Eastern league has been formed with six clubs, the Hilldales, the Bacharachs of Atlantic City, the Brooklyn Royal Giants, Baltimore and the New York Cubans. The officers elected James Keenan, a white man of New York city, as secretary and treasurer and Edward Bolden of the Hilldales as chairman.

Why Were Clubs Ignored?

Fans have been pouring inquiries into the Defender office and also into the headquarters of the Negro National league asking why the first class baseball clubs in Richmond, Harrisburg, Washington and Norfolk have been left out in the cold, were not even invited to attend the meeting. These clubs need protection of an organiztion. It is strongly rumored by those who know the inside of the Eastern situation that because Nat Strong, a white man, did not book these clubs they were Ku Kluxed.

It is useless to try to camouflage the public that the Eastern league is given much consideration, inasmuch as five of the six clubs have belonged to Strong's agency and have been booked by the same. It is also a known fact that Strong has collected 10 per cent from these clubs, as he has from Colored clubs in the past 30 years, and up to the present day has never built a fence that these clubs might have a ball park to play in. His much touted Royal Giants have to go from park to park for games.

Bolden and the Philly Association

Fans are pondering over the appointment or election of Ed Bolden to the chairmanship. Bolden, it must be remembered, is one of the members of the Philadelphia Baseball association. He sat at the table with the other board of directors, saw them make plans and allowed it to pass, wherein the association got 10 per cent of all games booked and also that the Colored clubs could not get but $150 minus the 10 per cent for a game in the association, notwithstanding the fact that Hilldale draws the best attendance and without them the association could not amount to much. Fans in Philadelphia write that unless he shows a radical change in judgment in the new league, Colored baseball in the East has gone back a decade, gone back to the days when Nat Strong offered ball clubs $100 flat and two 15-cent meals for a Sunday game.

Why Bolden Left

Fans not familiar with the inner workings of the National Association of Colored Professional Ball Clubs are not familiar with the reason of Bolden's sudden departure from organized ball. Last year he quit and started a raid on Western players, but seeing the league in this section was about to hand him some of his own medicine, he hopped aboard a rattler and rejoined the organization after having induced the directors to give him his $1,000 back. The Hilldale manager redeposisted his $1,000, but lost the services of Whitworth, his best pitcher of the year previous. In the December meeting of the league and the association he again offered his resignation, which was accepted, but his plea for the return of the $1,000 this time was turned down. Bolden set up a howl, threatened to take the matter to court, but no court will return his money after reading the by-laws and constitution and amendments of the association any more than it would make a Masonic order return your joining fees after you decided to quit paying dues and get out.

The Ledger also states John Lloyd is to manage the Hilldale club. Ball players are not always responsible for what they do, but if John Henry has signed to go to the Hilldale club it only more plainly shows why Bolden was getting away from the National association.

President Foster of the Negro National league says he is not going to stop any raid on players, but at the proper time he will make a move that will "kill father." In the meantime the fans wait to see the outcome of all moves made.

SIKI'S TITLE IS RESTORED BY COMMISSION

Atlanta Georgian

2/13/23

PARIS, Feb. 12.—Battling Siki, who was barred by the French Boxing Commission from appearing in the ring for nine months and deprived of the championship he won by defeating Georges Carpentier Monday was reinstated by the federation and his championship restored.

Siki's reinstatement came as a result of a general amnesty proclamation issued by the federation in celebration of its twentieth anniversary.

In addition to Siki, the general amnesty proclamation includes six other fighters and the Montmartre Boxing Club. The reinstatement of Siki resulted in the libel suits between the Senegalese boxer and the federation being withdrawn.

Colored Athlete Breaks Record.

Norfolk Journal & Guide

New York, N. Y.—The interscholastic record for the running high jump was broken by Isaiah Young, colored, athlete of the East Orange, N. J., high school, in the annual meet of Erasmus high school held here this week. Norfolk, Va. 2/17/23

Young cleared the bar at five feet, ten and one-half inches.

MAY PARDON SIKI.

Houston Post

Associated Press Report.

Houston, Tex.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—It has been suggested that the French boxing federation celebrate its 20th anniversary on Monday by proclaiming amnesty for all recent offenders against its rules. If the council of the federation decides to take this step, Battling Siki will be among those pardoned.

2-9-23

HUBBARD TAKES TWO FIRSTS

Chicago Defender

DeHard Hubbard, winner of the junior and national titles in the A. A. U. broad jump last summer at the National games, wearing the colors of the University of Michigan, won both the fifty yard high hurdles in .06 3-5 seconds and the fifty yard low hurdles in .06 at the dual indoor track meet between the University of Michigan and the University of Chicago Saturday night at Bartlett gymnasium.

2-24-23

BATTLING SIKI MATCHED WITH MIKE M'TIGUE

Houston Post

Houston, Tex.

Associated Press Report.

PARIS, Feb. 5.—Battling Siki, the Senegalese fighter, Monday night signed a contract with a Dublin syndicate to fight the American middleweight Mike McTigue in the Scala theater, Dublin, on St. Patrick's day, according to Echo Des Sports. The fight is to be for twenty rounds for a purse of £2000, three-fourths of which will go to the winner.

2-6-23

NEW YORK, Feb. 5.—Mike McTigue, American middleweight boxer, who signed a contract in Paris Monday night to meet Battling Siki in a twenty-round bout St. Patrick's day in Dublin, is the holder of the Canadian middle weight title, which he won from Eugene Broseau more than two years ago. He was rated at that time as one of the leading 158-pounders and was formerly boxing instructor at the New York athletic club.

Setting the Pace

By Joe Vila

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HARRY WILLS, AMERICAN CITIZEN, PREVENTED FROM BOXING FOR WORLD HEAVYWEIGHT CHAMPIONSHIP, WHILE FILIPINOS, CHINAMEN AND OTHER FOREIGNERS ARE IN GOOD STANDING.

Harry Wills, an American citizen, has been barred from competition with Jack Dempsey for the world heavyweight boxing championship in this State. Chairman Muldoon of the New York State Athletic Commission gives as a reason for opposing the Dempsey-Wills bout, which the Republic A. C. would stage at the Polo Grounds next summer, the "commercialization of the sport."

Muldoon must be commended for trying to obliterate the practice of paying huge sums of money to ring champions, but it lies within his power to limit the amount of a purse and to reduce the prices for seats. Muldoon is clothed with legal authority to draw the line at $50,000 to be paid to a boxer for his services just as he arbitrarily fixed the price of ringside seats for championship contests at $25 each some time ago.

By cutting down the admission rates and limiting the winner's share of the spoils to the sum named above Muldoon would go a long way toward wiping out the commercialized features of boxing, which have become intensely unpopular. Thousands of boxing fans, however, believe that Wills's proposed bout with Dempsey has been placed under the ban because the challenger is a negro. Muldoon vigorously denies this assertion, yet the impression that Wills is a victim of racial discrimination prevails just the same.

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Meanwhile, it is worthy of note that the New York State Athletic Commission has sanctioned insignificant bouts between blacks and whites and also has permitted Chinamen, Filipinos and other boxers from foreign countries to appear in local rings. Wills is a well behaved, clean living athlete. His profession is boxing, although he labors daily as a stevedore along the water front. He is the only heavyweight who deserves a chance to win Dempsey's valuable title.

It would appear that Muldoon's edict has extricated Dempsey and his careful manager, Kearns, from an awkward predicament—at least for the time being.

McGRAW DENIES MIKE KELLEY'S STATEMENT.

Mike Kelley, manager of the St. Paul American Association champions, recently stated to a Cincinnati baseball writer that last summer he refused the Giants' offer of $50,000 for the release of Pitcher Rube Benton. Kelley's assertion was reproduced in THE SUN in good faith to show that Manager McGraw still believed in the noted southpaw's integrity. But when McGraw, in Havana, read the Kelley interview he called up Secretary Tierney at the New York club's local offices and said:

"Please inform THE SUN that Kelley never received an offer of $50,000 or any other proposition for Benton from me. Last summer when we were in need of additional pitching material we asked Kelley to set a price on Benton, but he quickly refused to talk business along those lines. So we let the matter drop then and there."

Perhaps Kelley misled the Porkville scribe for the purpose of clinching the sale of Benton to the Reds, which has been blocked by charges lodged against the veteran pitcher.

DEVLIN SAYS BRAVES CAN'T LOSE CONLON.

Arthur Devlin, former star third baseman of the Giants, who is one of the Boston Braves' scouts, says that Arthur J. Conlon, who was the captain and shortstop of the Harvard varsity nine last year, surely will be awarded to the Hub club by Commissioner Landis. The signing of Conlon by the Braves has been disputed by Manager Stallings of the Rochester club on the ground that the Harvard star accepted his terms during a phone conversation prior to putting his signature on the Boston contract.

Devlin says that he watched Conlon's work throughout the Harvard team's 1922 campaign and that he strongly recommended him to Manager Mitchell of the Braves, who had agreed upon terms with Conlon long before the alleged talk with the Rochester officials. Devlin adds that if Conlon fails to become one of the Braves' infield regulars he will be greatly disappointed.

CONNIE MACK IS SMILING THESE DAYS.

While some of the big league magnates and managers are beginning to worry over the holdup tactics of star players, Connie Mack, leader of the Athletics, is smiling broadly. Mack has been charged on numerous occasions with "squeezing nickels," yet so far he has signed Pitchers Rommel, Hasty, Harris, Heimach, Ogden, Beard and O'Neill; Catcher Perkins, Infielders Hauser, Scheer and Riconda and Outfielder McGowan. Mack has mailed liberal contracts to the other regulars and expects no trouble of any kind.

Since the death of his old partner, Ben Shibe, who bequeathed half the Athletic Club's stock to his sons, Mack evidently has been able to adopt a new policy. He has increased the salaries of his players and recently stunned the baseball world by purchasing Third Baseman Hale from the Portland Coast League club for $75,000. Mack also has bought other expensive minor leaguers since last fall.

EBBETS WILL NOT SELL BROOKLYN STOCK.

Col. C. H. Ebbets, president and half owner of the Brooklyn club, is on his way home from Europe. Ebbets has no idea of selling his baseball stock at the price he demands, $1,250,000. The Brooklyn magnate has devoted nearly forty years of his life to baseball and wouldn't know which way to turn if somebody should accept his figures.

Ebbets started in baseball as a ticket seller for the Brooklyn American Association club, occupying the original Washington Park at Fifth avenue and Third street. He was heavily in debt when Ebbets Field was completed in 1913. Now he doesn't owe a dollar and the club is rich.

PLAYERS' UNION LOOKS LIKE A BUST.

The major leagues, combined, own 640 players, equally divided. The Players' Union has enrolled a grand total of 136. When George Burns of the Cincinnati Reds recently declined his election to the presidency of the union he delivered a knockout blow to Attorney Ray Cannon's organization. The magnates say that the union looks like a bust.

Chicago

CAPTAINS EAST HIGH

1-27-23

Chicago Defender

HOWARD A. LEE

Captain of the East High School basket ball five, Rochester, N. Y., and considered one of the best basket tossers in the state.

KENNETH WIBECAN

Chicago
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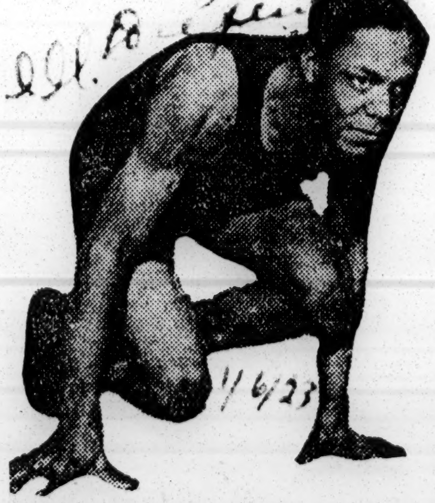

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Elected most popular athlete by senior class of Boys' High School, Brooklyn, N. Y.

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General

Jack Blackburn Fought Three Men in Fifteen Days When in His Prime

Chicago Defender 2-10-23

[Fifth of a series of articles on Ringside Recollections, by Tony Langston, the world's greatest fight fan, who would go without a good meal to see a championship scrap. Written exclusively for the Chicago Defender.]

Twenty years ago Philadelphia, Pa., was the Mecca for pugilists, both Black and white. There was no color line and mixed matches attracted no adverse attention whatever. Indeed, many of the club managers—and there was a club for every night in the week, except Sunday—looked upon mixed matches with great favor, and when the men were of more than ordinary renown, packed and jammed attendance was the result. Philadelphia was also the burial ground of the hopes of a great many fighters who made the mistake of figuring that the short course of six rounds made the going easy, for the place was chock full of hard and fast fighting fellows who trained to "carry" for six rounds at top speed, and woe to the pug who was caught a bit out of form or who figured on "feeling" for a stanza or two as is, was and always has been the customary procedure.

Tough Bunch

There were dozens of trial horses in the field at the time of which we write. Most of the boys were white, but there was a generous sprinkling of 'our" lads on the job, and any time a "stranger" was announced, no matter what his weight, he was certain to be accommodated without trouble, red tape or waste of time. Lads of class, such as Tim Callahan, Kid Beebe, Young Frank Erne, Howard Wilson, Cyclone Bill Larry, George Cole, Joe Butler, Bob Long, "Mississippi," Dave Holly, Steve Crosby, Fred Blackburn, "Black Bill From Merchantville," Kentucky Rosebud, Jack Blackburn and others, were there and ready to take on anything from a peewee to a bale of hay, regardless of reputation. The writer witnessed the stopping of many birds who had been heralded as "coming champions," etc.

Great Fighter

It is of Jack Blackburn we write. If ever the Race had a fighter who deserved all that has ever been said about him, and more, it is this same great boxer who, despite his age, is still in harness, able to give a good account of himself in the ring and is considered one of the most valuable men in the business around a training camp. Jack came to Philadelphia from Indianapolis, Ind., late in the 90's and most all his fights were held in the Quaker town. He was born in Versailles, Ky., in 1883, and donned the gloves in public at the age of 15 years. He passed through the third and second class stages in a rapid manner and his record will show that he had no reverses from the night that he climbed through the ropes to strut his first preliminary until he was considered good enough to face the king of them all, Joe Gans, in the wind-up of a great program at the Eureka Athletic club, Baltimore, Md., on the night of March 25, 1904. Gans gained the nod from the referee after 15 of the hardest rounds through which he was ever called upon travel.

True Lightweight

Newspaper reports of the manner in which present day fighters quibble and quarrell over a half pound or so in weight, often allowing these petty differences to hold up the making of a match for days, seem ridiculous to those acquainted with the fighters of the recent past. It is a fact that Jack Blackburn was at his very best at the legitimate lightweight limit, 133 pounds, and never during the height of his splendid career did he tip the beam at more than 135. The following statement may cause a great deal of thought, but the writer knows that for all three of Jack's fights with Gans the former MADE WEIGHT WHILE THE LATTER WAS ALLOWED TO COME IN AT CATCHWEIGHTS, and in the go at Baltimore, chronicled above, as well as the last fight between the pair—a six rounder at Philadelphia on the night of June 29, 1906—Gans weighed 142 and 140 pounds, respectively. This is mentioned to show poundage, and was a secondary consideration with Blackburn, and to prepare you for the information carried in the next paragraph.

Blackburn did battle with Sam Langford half a dozen times, and each time gave away from 10 to 15 pounds Langford was fighting in the best form of his career during the time covered by these contests, as his record will show, but despite that fact Blackburn was NOT lucky in getting at least an even break in each of the six meetings. Larry Temple, a remarkable fighter weighing 150 pounds, was fought by Jack on two different occasions, each battle being of 15 rounds duration and each declared a draw at the end He met and defeated many others, among them being the great Harry Lewis, one of the most promising fighters of his time; Blink McClosky, Joe Grim. George Cole, George Gunther, the Australian, and Terrible Terry Martin twice, of which we will tell in a later article. The poundage of these opponents ranged as high as 185 and not one of them was able to get more than an even break.

Three Weeks

Fight fans the country over, and in Philadelphia in particular, will remember the biggest three weeks of Blackburn's career. It started on the night of June 10, 1908, at the National Sporting club. Jack had beaten everything that was obtainable in the light and welterweight divisions and consented to meet Philadelphia Jack O'Brien, a great light heavyweight, at catchweights. Blackburn weighed in that night at 135 pounds and O'Brien at 177½, a difference of 42½ pounds, and what would be called an unsurmountable handicap these days. It might have been looked upon in that way then had any other fighter than Blackburn been involved When the men shaped up in the ring, the difference in their appearances was so ridiculous that laughter was heard all over the club. O'Brien stood a full head over Jack in height and looked to weigh a hundredweight more than the lightweight marvel. What the latter lacked in pounds he carried in grit strength, cleverness and speed, which was demonstrated at the sound of the gong. Blackburn was out of his corner like a flash and during the six rounds which followed he presented his opponent with a boxing lesson and the spectators with an exhibition the like of which had never before been seen by either and had there been any such thing as a decision possible at the time, Referee McGuigan would certainly have been forced to give it to Blackburn.

Second Week

On the night of June 17, just one week after the O'Brien fight, and at the same club, George Memsic of Chicago, one of the greatest lightweights the ring ever saw and who had fought a sensational 20-round battle with Champion Joe Gans, faced Blackburn. Memsic was allowed to come in at catchweights and refuesd to mention his poundage. It is safe to say, however, that he was tickling the 140 mark at the time. He was looking "ready," too. Blackburn had made the weight easily and appeared to be in shape to battle for the well known king's ransom. When the bell sounded Memsic came out of his corner without delay and met Blackburn before the latter had a chance to make it to the center of the ring. He shot a hard left and then a right at Jack, which the latter blocked neatly, and from then until the finish of the sixth session all present were treated to as great a go as was ever put on by a pair of real leather pushers. Memsic was a fighter of the hardy type, always boring in and ready to take one in order to land one. He was awkwardly clever and carried a terrific smack in each mitt. Blackburn, long and rangy, with an almost impenetrable defense, a two-handed fighter 20 years ahead of his time, a speed merchant who could step in and out, shift and sidestep with uncanny speed, and who had a stick of dynamite wrapped in both his left and right hand, proved to be at his best and the rounds went by with sensational swiftness, with Blackburn leading on points all the way, the crowd on its feet half the time and howling with excitement at the final gong.

Third Week

One week later and at the same club, it was Jack Blacburn vs. John Wille. At the time Wille was looked upon as one of the best heavyweights in America. He was what was considered a "trial horse" for those who were considered of championship class and if you fought him and won you deserved a place on the "inner circle." His weight was given as 195 pounds on the night of the fight, but he looked to go over that by 10 or 15 pounds. Blackburn informed the writer that he had weighed 138 pounds that morning at 9 o'clock. The reader can imagine the comment caused by the difference in the appearances of the two men and Wille even looked over at Jack with a pitying eye. Within 20 seconds of the opening gong, however, all present, including Wille, changed their facial expressions from that of pity to one of wonder and of all the rounds that the heavyweight had passed through, never had there been any six into which had been rolled such a bunch of overwhelming action as he encountered in these. Blackburn was in and out and around his big opponent like a boiler maker doing his stuff with the eyes of the foreman focused upon him. Wille would attempt to counter, would swing, jab, try uppercuts and all the other tricks of which he was master, but never once did he land a solid punch upon his wiry, fast-stepping opponent who sloughed Wille with everything but the referee's slippers. Jack stood in the ring and laughed aloud when the final bell rang, while Wille leaned on the ropes, puffed a bit, shook his head from side to side and then beat it to his dressing room. It had been the most remarkable contest of the sort ever seen in that or any other ring.

NEXT WEEK—Jack Blackburn vs. Charley Hitte.

RUBE FOSTER THREATENS BIG BASEBALL WAR

Says Bolden "Sold" Colored Baseball In the East In Recently Formed Organization At Phila.

Afro american

ACCUSES STRONG ALSO

Baltimo Md.

Eastern Mogul Has Taken 10 P. C., for 20 Years, But Never Built a Fence

1-12-23

(By Andrew "Rube" Foster, President National Negro League)

Chicago, Jan. 7 (Afro-Indianapolis Ledger Service)—The Eastern Baseball Association from the papers, will have six clubs, Hilldale representing Philadelphia and Camden, Baltimore, Bacharachs of Atlantic City, Royals of Brooklyn, and Cubans of Havana.

It's useless to try and camouflage the public such an organization as formed means only to perpetuate the commission of Strong who has taken 10 per cent from the gross earnings of colored ball clubs fo over twenty years, has never buil a blank fence for them to use and never will. Yet he believes in organization of the white clubs and puts up fine parks for them to use but his Royals must go from day t day as a club without a home.

Why Hilldale Club Withdrew From National Association

Edward Bolden, president o Hilldale Club, came to our annua meeting and told me that he wished me to arrange it so he could withdraw: explained that they were going to organize a league in the East In explaining my position I told him we had no objections. Only we would not associate with clubs ou of the association, but if he could get an agreement from the league to respect our rights, and when such an agreement was signed would recommend the return of the deposit of Hilldale club, but if h

resigned that would be impossible. He said, "I must tender the resignation," and did, which was accepted.

National Association Agreement With Hilldale and Bacharachs

Our agreement with Eastern clubs did not call for any exchange of games, nor was it compulsory for the Eastern clubs to come West. It was merely an agreement to respect each other's contractural rights as to players and the territory they played in and to not tamper with their players. Bolden, last year, tried the same thing, but got cold feet. He had me to return his deposit of $1,000 and remained away from the meeting, and with Strong and Keenan tried and made efforts to take players from the league, for a retaliation. I used the same medicine on him, and would have wrecked the Hilldale club, but Bolden rushed to Chicago and asked me to allow him to again place his deposit and to undo the things done to his club. We accepted him for the good of baseball, yet he had to reliquish claims to Whitworth and turn him over to me.

Two 15 Cent Meals For Playing Ball

It's hard to believe that people can be so easily duped as our local fans in the East. I have played in the East under Strong when we received one hundred dollars for Sunday games, yet drew as well as at present in New York. The whites took the players and paid them such small salaries as two fifteen-cent meals a day. I carried twelve men West with me and told them we could only exist with what we were getting, and I think one should not accept such conditions until he is convinced he could do no better. At twenty-one, the best players in the East left and came here with me. That one stand made me, nor have I changed from such. Can you imagine a colored club playing to 10,000 people and receiving only the limit of five hundred dollars, and then giving 10 per cent of that to Strong to play in New York, and Bolden, to play him, must give him a percentage. I do not think much of a leader like that and such methods would not be tolerated with any one who really thinks.

The *Philadelphia Ledger* is headlined, "Lloyd Signs With Hilldale." Can one fail to see why Bolden wanted to withdraw. He wanted to get with Strong. He could not tamper with his players from fear, but turns and signs one of Connors' men who belonged to the association and expects to bolster a club with players belonging to other clubs. He will start the war again. We have tried to avoid making a player jump contracts. They are now after more men from our league, and for one, I will not try to stop a raid on our players. But at the proper time will drive a blow that will not be easy to get rid of. I do not fear Strong, or any man in the baseball business. They know if I play where money is, I must share equally in it, so it's good reason they don't care to have me.

ST. PAUL ELECTED MEMBER OF INTERCOLLEGIATE ASSO

Norfolk Journal & Guide

Lawrenceville, Va.—At the annual meeting of the Colored Intercollegiate Athletic Association (member of National Intercollegiate Athletic Association). Held at Shaw University, Raleigh, N. C., on Saturday, March 10, St. Paul School was elected a member, making a total of eight institutions in the association. The schools of the association are Hampton, Union, Virginia Normal, Virginia Seminary, St. Paul, Shaw, Howard and Lincoln. 3/17/23

St. Paul's 1923 football schedule is as follows: October 6, Virginia Seminary at Lawrenceville; October 13, (date pending) Howard at Washington; October 20, Hampton at Hampton; October 27, North Carolina State at Lawrenceville; November 3, National Training at Lawrenceville; November 10, Lincoln at Lincoln; November 17, St. Augustine's at Lawrenceville; November 24, Union at Richmond; November 29 Thanksgiving Day), Shaw at Raleigh.

St. Paul will play Howard baseball at Lawrenceville on Easter Monday, and on Tuesday, April 3rd. And will play Lincoln on Thursday, April 5th, and on Friday, April 6th. Complete baseball schedule will be published within the very near future.

St. Paul contemplates sending a Relay Team to the Howard Track Meet; and will send entrants for each event to the Hampton National Field and Track Meet.

Mike McTigue Returns To His Native Home

Houston Post

Associated Press Report.

3/21/23

DUBLIN, March 20.—The plans of Mike McTigue, the conqueror of Battling Siki, are indefinite for the present. He has gone to visit his wife in his native home county, Kerry, and it is not likely he will return to the United States for some time. It is reported he probably will meet Siki again in Ireland.

Dublin has no knowledge of the rumors regarding a possible meeting between McTigue and Carpentier in New York. Siki will remain in Dublin until April, according to his present plans.

With reference to Siki's challenge to McTigue for a return match, the promoter of the recent contest says he is prepared to offer a purse of 2000 pounds to be divided between the fighters in whatever manner they wish, the contest to be held in Dublin.

TECHNICAL FOUL ROBS HUBBARD OF JUMP RECORD

Chicago Whip

3/10/23

Hart Hubbard, star athlete at the Universit of Michigan, was robbed of the honors of establishing a new record in th broad jump here today when a foul o the take off was declared by the judges. Hubbard leaped the unheard of distance of twenty-five feet, four and one-half inches—one-half foot better than the world's record set by Ned Gourdin of Harvard. Hubbard won the event, however, but did not extend himself; the distance was twenty-three feet and three-quarters of an inch. The lad proved, however, that he is th class of the land in this event and experts declare it is only a matter of time until the youngster will shatter the Gourdin mark.

COOK AND HANDY WIN IN COLUMBIA U. MEET

~~The New York Age~~

New York Age

Among the stars of the first indoor track meet of the season given for high school students by Columbia University at the 22nd Regiment Armory Saturday afternoon, January 13, was Cecil Cooke of DeWitt Clinton High School, who was an easy winner of the 400 yard dash. Cooke defeated E. Slepian of the Brooklyn Technical High School, and covered the distance in 54:2-5 seconds. Cooke, who won the 440-yard high school championship last year, is the mainstay of the DeWitt Clinton team this season, and expects to eclipse his record of last season.

EASTERN CLUBS HOLD THIRD BIG LEAGUE MEETING

Chicago Whip

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 3.—The third meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Eastern Colored League was called to order, on Saturday, February 24, by Chairman Edw. Bolden at the spacious Y. M. C. A. building in Philadelphia.

The magnates, after much discussion, drafted a complete schedule for the coming season. Philadelphia fans will see two league teams open the season at Hilldale Park on Saturday, April 28. New York and Baltimore will open with league battles on Sunday April 29. 3-3-23

The question of efficient umpiring was again discussed. The umpires will register and come directly under the supervision of the commission, and will be given authority to arbitrate contests without molestation from managers or players.

Lineups of the various teams were submitted, and while the names of some of the players will not be divulged at present, it is a well-known fact that the member-clubs of the Eastern Circuit have been materially strengthened.

Colored baseball in the East has grown and developed into the biggest sport proposition in recent years. It brings to the cities baseball of a splendid excellence, and gives cosmopolitan crowds a chance to indulge the favorite sport under ideal conditions.

Judicious reasoning has straightened the entire matter of organized baseball among colored teams of the East, and, although another meeting will be called, the Eastern Colored League is prepared to function properly, and most of the gladiators are waiting for the call to don uniforms.

JACK JOHNSON ESCAPES "DOING TIME" BY KINDNESS OF SHERIFF.

Dallas Express

Dallas Texas

(Preston News Service)

New York City, Feb. 1.—The kind heartedness of Sheriff Nagle saved Jack Johnson from being lodged behind the jail bars for failure to obey a court order to pay $372.50 to Barney Gerrard, the theatrical booking agent, on an unsatisfactory judgment obtained for breach of contract. 2-3-23

Johnson managed to have all the money necessary to satisfy the claim except $122.50 and when he tendered that amount to the Sheriff and gave him a long line of smooth talk about being a much persecuted man and made promises to the effect that if allowed his liberty he would soon bring up the balance the Sheriff allowed him to go free. He told Johnson that he was satisfied that he had done his best to pay off the claim and that he would put up the balance. The Sheriff allowed him to go free, but that Johnson must make good the $122.50 real soon, or he would be found living at Ludlo bastile as a compulsory residence for a time satisfactory to the officials.

Became Champion of Mexico Last Week and This Week Wins From Spain's Champion in Sixth Round—Bouts Are Fought in Mexico City, Mexico.

NEW YORK SPORTS WRITER REVIEWS LANGFORD'S LONG AND SPOTTY CAREER

Styles Langford a Real Marvel of the Ring, and Expresses Opinion That at His Best Langford Would Have K. O.'d Dempsey in Six Rounds

New York Age

(Special to The New York Age)

Mexico City, Mex.—Sam Langford, who last week became the champion of Mexico by knocking out Kid Savage in one round, won another championship but upon being urged by his seconds, he took additional punishment before being battered down by Langford. A crowd of about 10,000 turned out to witness the bout, and there was considerable betting on the match. Numerous sons of Spain who were at the ringside went away downhearted. 4/14/23

The following tribute to Sam Langford's prowess was written by Ed Hughes, sports writer on the New York Evening Mail. It was published following the Langford-Savage fight, in which the big colored fighter annexed the Mexican title, and pays a deserved, even though considerably delayed, to the merits of a grand old man.

SAM LANGFORD WAS ONE OF THE RING'S GREATEST

New York Age

Champ at Last—Twenty-one Years in Ring—Johnson Dodged Him—"Under Wraps" With Ketchel

N.Y. — 4/14/23

After long years of deferred hopes Sam Langford is at last a happy man. Langford, one of the real marvels of the ring, almost drifted, penniless, into the shadows of obscurity without becoming a champion. A whimsy of fate beckoned him to Mexico last fall. And there in the turbulent panorama of Mexican life parades good old Tham, as high in the esteem of the populace as the loftiest peak of the Sierra Madras. The once redoubtable "Boston Tar Baby" is now the champion of Mexico. He won the title by knocking out Kid Savage in a round the other day. Sam Langford is a champion at last—if only of Mexico—and true lovers of boxing are happy with him. He should have been a champion of the world.

Sam Langford is the oldest man in point of ring service, in the grim game today. A fighter's years are not counted on the calendar. They are counted in the ring. Many a boxer is an old man, pugilistically, after five years between ropes. One blow, figuratively, may age a man a year. One battle leaves him a gray head, so to speak. Langofrd has been exchanging blows with his fellow man since 1902—twenty-one years. That is a long time, in the ring or out of it. And now Sam, the petal-plucked black-eyed susan, is matched with Georges Carpentier, withered orchid of France. If old Tham could but call back his form of even seven years ago! That would be a bad match for Georges.

Langford claims he is now thirty-seven years old. At times he asserts he doesn't really know how ancient he is. He looks forty-five. Only Langford's color prevented his winning the heavyweight title at some time during his career. He would surely have whipped Tommy Burns after the pudgy Canadian had established his right to the crown. And he might possibly have trimmed Jack Johnson. The latter had one encounter with him before beating Burns. Johnson dexterously avoided Langford ever after.

Langford started as a featherweight. As a lightweight he gained fame by winning from the great Joe Gans in fifteen rounds. Sam had a slight "pull" in the weights, but it was a notable victory. After cleaning up all the welters and middleweights who would meet him, Langford went after the big ones. Sam stood about 5 feet 6½ inches, weighing about 160 at the time. He had a powerful, gorilla-like build, and his punch was a cruel one. Joe Jeanette managed to whip him in their first meeting, but a little later Langford reversed matters. They fought many times after that, Langford usually winning.

Langford, scaling but 155, put up a wonderful battle with Jack Johnson, almost a 200-pounder. That was in 1906, and it went fifteen rounds, Johnson getting the verdict. Several times Langford seemed on the verge of a

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"Battling Siki"

BATTLING SIKI FIGHTS MIKE MC TIGUE TO A TWENTY ROUND FINISH, REFEREE GIVING A DOUBTFUL DECISION TO IRISH FIGHTER

Va,
Richmond

Bomb Exploded Just Before Fight, Near Theatre.

Planet — 3|24|23

Dublin, March 17.—A mine exploded here tonight near the theatre in which the Siki-McTigue championship bout was held. Republican irreconcilables had declared a period of national mourning and forbidden the fight. Two children were injured as the explosive let go just before the principals stepped into the ring; windows in the neighborhood were shattered and the rumble of the explosion penetrated the packed arena, but beyond a momentary stir of uneasiness the spectators ignored the interruption and the St. Patrick's Day match went on.

Fought to a conclusion of its twenty rounds without other untoward incident thanks to heavy policing and extraordinary precautions, the bout was won on points by Mike McTigue, the Irish-Amercan middleweight, who thus wrested away the crown of the bat[illegible]negalese and became light-heavyweight champion of the world.

George Carpentier the dethroned French champion, who lost to the black man last Fall, stepped into the ring before the main bout went on to challenge the winner, and his managers now will try to arrange a meeting with McTigue.

The fight was a tame affair of easy blows throughout in which both men kept their feet, but the 2 000 persons who jammed the Scala Theatre in O Connell street in the end overlooked everything in their delirious joy that the white man in green tights had beaten him of ebony hue with the tri-color of France belted about his middle.

CROWD JOYFUL, POLICE WATCHFUL

From the moment that Eamon de-Valera, through the republican self styled Minister of Home Affairs, had decreed on Wednesday last an indefinite period of national mourning "in view of the murder" of prisoners of war and the bereavement of the families of men recently executed, Dublin had been at a high pitch of excitement Theatres and moving picture houses had closed for a day and then reopened and promoters of one of the greatest matches ever staged in Ireland had announced that they would ignore the rebel ban, which was directed particularly at the fight, and put on the bout. Anonymous letters had appeared earlier in the Dublin newspapers, protesting against the bout on a Catholic national holiday and a civil guard had been thrown around the Claremont Hotel, Howth, where Siki was awiating the day of the fight.

But Irishmen habitually take St. Patrick's Day as one of joyful celebration and when it dawned this year Dublin, a city already revered by the prospect of a great fight forgot its alarms and flocked out to make holiday. Not so, however with the responsible authorities. Threats of trouble, forgotten by the crowd, were remembered by them and organized and elaborate precautions were taken lest some outrage within the theatre precipitate a terrible panic.

The Scala Theatre was surrounded by uniformed metropolitan policemen through whom those armed with tickets were allowed to filter slowly, only to be confronted at the entrances by members of the Criminal Investigation Department, who made strict examination of every single person who entered lest some one get in with fire arms or explosives.

While this double line of pickets was guarding the theatre and its immediate approaches alert patrols were combing the nearby streets, ready to quell any attempt at violence.

It was past all these guards that a crowd far beyond the capacity of the theatre, a moving picture place, which stands in a side street near the old ruined Post Office, made its way nearly every person in it bedecked with shamrocks, yet momentarily forgetting the importance of the green in his eagerness to discuss whether white or black would win, whether the evening would end with the French Jack Johnson once more supreme or whether Ireland would be boasting a champion.

GREETINGS FOR CARPENTIER.

Slowly the ringside seats filled, the whole ampitheatre was packed the disappointed overflow was banked outside, as near as the police would allow. Then there came the first great outlet for enthusiasm with the arrival just before 8 o'clock of Carpentier from Paris to see the man who beat him last year in such decisive and dramatic fashion. He had a tremendous reception from these Irishmen, who can forget for a moment even their civil war in sport.

Carpentier has only recently fully recovered from the punishment he took when he lost his title. He began training this week for his prospective contests which include a return match with Siki, and his right eye shows the signs of the damage which it received.

Carpentier stepped into the ring and was roundly cheered as he was introduced to the house. He announced his intention of challenging the winner. Beckett was next introduced, and Frank Moran next, both receiving ovations.

Cheers were raised when Postmaster General Walsh and the chief law agent of the Free State, O'Kennedy, took ringside seats.

Then came the contestants, each guarded as he entered the theatre by a police patrol. First McTigue the challenger for the Negro's title to the light heavyweight championship of the world. There is no need to write of his reception. Although, owing to the limited capacity, prices were high, there were nearly two thousand present and a great roar went up.

MEN IN THEIR CORNERS.

After a few preliminary bouts, one of which was won by Stuber, Siki's sparring partner, on points, the principals took their corners at 8:15 both looking in the pink of physical fitness.

While Siki had the advantage in weight and reach and the glamour of his recent notable achievement, McTigue counterbalance this with a long record of successes, which included the defeat of several colored pugilists. Both men had trained hard on the outskirts of Dublin and the impression generally gained by the public exhibition of each was reflected in the betting, which ruled at evens. In some quarters there was a disposition in favor of McTigue, but nationality would have had its influence here. Experts like Carpentier andMajor Wilson an English promoter, were in favor of the Irishman.

McTigue was the first to enter, wearing a slate blue coat. The Negro followed quickly, smiling and enveloped in a purple dressing gown. He shook McTigue by the hand.

As the gong sounded for the opening round and the two leaped from their corners, they presented a striking contrast. The Irishman's white skin and green beeches showed up under the strong electric light and made the Negro, who wore he French tricolor as his belt look yet more black.

Siki was the aggressor in the first round. McTigue fencing him away with his left and offering a difficult target as he retreated. Siki's blows were aimed viciously but lacked direction.

Round two was a repetition of the first, McTigue once making his opponent shake his head with a left to jaw. Siki tried hard for a knockout, but was constantly foiled in searching for an opening. The same sort of exchanges continued in round three, when McTigue's body showed some signs of angry blotches of red. He frequently stopped Siki's rushes with his left and was showing better ring craft, always keeping at arm's length. Round four was very tame McTigue was a little more active with his right. He received nasty jabs but seemed to treat them with disdain. Siki was obviously puzzled by McTigue's defense and once in round five started to look hopelessly for the Irishman. As the gong went Siki swung a vicious left which missed by inches.

STIFF PUNCHES LAND.

So far Siki appeared to be leading on points, but neither had suffered any real damage.

Rounds six and seven were similar to their predecessors, the Negro attacking and McTigue being content to act on the defensive. Once, however, he got over a straight left on Siki's head, making him wince, but the blows of both seemed to be lacking in strength.

In round eight McTigue began to annoy Siki by nasty jabs on his nose with his left and the Negro tried repeatedly to strike his arm down. McTigue was evidently looking for an opening for a knockout, but he only succeeded in rousing Siki, who was fiercely attacking back as the bell rang.

In round nine Siki's lefts never got there, while McTigue got in two right uppercuts which the colored man felt. Before the round closed Siki was twice warned for hitting low.

When the tenth round came McTigue went into his man, who seemed somewhat exhausted, puffing and sniffing hard. Half distance had now been traveled and McTigue had his man coughing hard.

Although he was probably well ahead on points then, in the eleventh McTigue met with a serious misforture. Siki landed a heavy punch over his left eye and opened a cut which bled freely. Blood was also coming from his mouth.

The next round, the twelfth, was clearly Siki's. McTigue came up freshly from that punch, but the cut gave Siki a mark and he kept playing upon it. The Irishman resisted gallantly, but he was clearly harried by the torrent of blows.

THINGS LIVEN AT THE END.

McTigue recovered gamely in round thirteen. After Siki had missed with a wild right swing, the Irishman stopped him with a straight left, flush to the mouth. So far as this observer could discern, however, the Senegalese was undamaged. The following round was uneventful. Both men were fighting cleanly. As McTigue retired to his corner his eye was again bleeding. He had been jabbing Siki's nose freely but was certainly relieved as the bell sounded just after Siki had landed a heavy one to his face.

In the fifteenth they clinched. As they were breaking, Siki got to the white man's face, after which Siki was hammered to the ropes and the round finished with McTigue quite fresh and hitting Siki, while a thin stream of blood came from the Negro's mouth.

In the sixteenth round both were looking for a knockout but the black seemed to be the wearier of the two

In round seventeen McTigue uppercut the black who followed with a fierce left swing which McTigue ducked.

Two rounds to go with Siki well ahead on points. In the eighteenth he opened fast. McTigue sent his left hard to the black's mouth, drawing blood and compelling Siki to clinch. The round ended in McTigue's favor.

The penultimate round began badly for Siki who was now getting all the punishment.

It was neither's round but McTigue stepped from his chair a much fresher man for the last go. He fought hard for a decision, uppercutting frequently It was a hot and fast battle when the final bell rang and McTigue was declared the winner on points.

SIKI MAY CHALLENGE DECISION

Dublin, March 17.—Mike McTigue, the Irish American fighter, won the decision from the Senegalese Battling Siki at the Scala Theatre in a twenty-round contest here tonight. The referee awarded him the decision on points but later Siki was reported to have disagreed vigorously and to have expressed his intention of challenging the decision.

As a ring battle the fight proved disappointing. There was much swinging and sidestepping, but no knockdowns were scored and neither man showed any particular sign of battle at the end

One of the most exciting features of the whole affair was the possibility that the Irish irregulars would interrupt the proceedings with a bomb, but the Government had taken precautions, with soldiers stationed at various points around the theatre, and, beyond one explosion a short distance from the battleground, there was no trouble, and the fight proceeded on its long and tiresome way.

The men entered the ring at 8:15 and although both were well received the Irishman, naturally, was the favorite. It was evident from the start that McTigue had a prearranged plan aimed at letting the Senegalese tire himself out. He let Siki do the swinging, while he did the ducking and dancing about. Siki tried many times during the early rounds with long and vicious right and left swings, but they found no mark. He was clearly puzzled at the tactics of his opponent. Then when he forced McTigue to the ropes, which he did several times, the Irishman came back with hard punches and managed to work out to the centre of the ring without having receiv material damage.

CROWD YELLS FOR KNOCKOUT

McTigue used his left to jab at Siki's face, but put little force into his efforts which were apparently directed mainly at irritating the Senegalese and to give him an opportunity to wear himself out with continual swinging. McTigue slid or hopped around the ring for so many rounds that his supporters became anxious or discouraged and shouted: "Hit him, Mike, put him out!"

Siki, whose wrath, it was expected, would rise quickly under these tactics held his temper admirably and showed signs of surprise when McTigue succeeded in avoiding his fiercest blows. It was not until the eleventh round that first blood was drawn, the Irishman's forehead showing a slight gash. Soon after that Siki was bleeding from the lips.

The Senegalese tried hard to get at McTigue in the twelfth round but McTigue's ability at sidestepping kept him out of danger and Siki was unable to reach him effectively. In the thirteenth the Irishman ducked to avoid a vicious left swing and hooked Siki with his right. He seemed to be saving his right for some special opportunity at all stages of the battle.

MCTIGUE STARTS TO FIGHT.

After the fourteenth McTigue began to fight. He forced the pace, and Siki made a pretty steadyacquaintance with the ropes. McTigue evidently figured that the time for making his bid had come and he got home many times on the black man's ribs. In the eighteenth Siki showed a rising temper and was stamping viciously on the floor while McTigue kept worrying him with vicious right jabs. Cheers greeted the sudden awakening of the Irish favorite, and there were signs of depression on the face of the Senegalese.

When he came up for the nineteenth Siki, showed signs of punishment. He had lost some of his dash and was as enterprising as had been the case in the early rounds. McTigue was wary and took no chances. He had distinctly the better of this round, though his opponent reached his ribs a number of times.

In the twentieth and last round McTigue went in hard and punished Siki severely in the face. He was still on the offensive when the bell rang. The announcement of his victory was the occasion for enthusiastic cheering for the Irishman.

About 1,500 spectators saw the contest, among them being Attorney General Kennedy, Postmaster General Walsh Minister of Commerce McGrath and General Dalton.

McTIGUE'S HAND IS INJURED.

London, March 17.—The Dublin correspondent of the Press Association says that shortly after the fight McTigue was taken to a hospital with a painful injury of the hand. An examination revealed that his right thumb had been broken.. This occurred in the fourth round, and explains, according to the correspondent, why the eventual victor so persistently used his left and kept his right in comparative idleness.

The experts consider that McTigue's injury renders his victory all the more striking, as for sixteen rounds he had the full use of only one hand.

BECKETT WOULD FIGHT SIKI.

(By Joe Beckett, British Heavyweight Champion.)

Dublin, March 17.—The fight was full of interest and kept us all wondering as to what the outcome would be until McTigue began piling up points in the closing rounds. Up to then nearly all of us thought that the Irishman was going to be beaten. He took things just a bit too easily in the sense that he relied too much on his defense and he has a jolly good defense at that. He repeatedly missed chances when he ought to have scored. In the earlier rounds particularly he had some good openings for his left, but somehow he refused to take them. He might have thought that he could win by this plan but I didn't.

Up to the tenth round and in fact beyond that, I think Siki took most of the points if only for the way he forced the attack. Mark you. I am not saying that he put up a brilliant fight, but for more than half the journey the Senegalese did all of the forcing.

If McTigue fought to a plan, and I have no doubt that he did he took a very big risk in leaving his spurt until so late in the fight. At the end of the sixteenth round most of us thought that Siki was sure to win and we had given up all hope of seeing a knockout. Then McTigue did give us a thrill and the first real big one of the fight.

He caught Siki with a long right that landed square on the jaw, and followed it up with two other punches that were so quick that Siki could not dodge them. All three blows landed well, and if McTigue had had a punch powerful enough to jput Siki to sleep he would have done it then.

It was after that that McTigue won the fight. He certainly did show us some good boxing in the last rounds. In my opinion McTigue's margin was very small at the finish. I did not like the look of Siki when I saw him enter the ring. Why, I could not say, but he seemed to lack something. McTigue looked more hardened and more fit. In the first round it was evident that Siki is easily fooled and is too wild. McTigue is crafty. That little tapping left of his is very clever and he often made Siki miss. However, Siki is always dangerous and is strong

Throughout the fight McTigue kept showing us what he can do, but I would have liked to see him do it. From that viewpoint he was disappointing. Every round showed me that Siki really does know a lot. During the round in which he cut McTigue's eye, I thought the Irishman was going to lose the fight, but they doctored him up in his corner of the ring and he commenced to worry Siki more than ever.

Siki was always flashing more blows and even if he missed with a lot, those that landed must have hurt. Well, McTigue has won and I think he was the cleverest boxer and did cleaner work. As to Siki's form. I would only say one thing. I am more sorry than ever after having seen him fight that our match was prevented in London. As I say, he is strong and crafty but I have not the slightest doubt that if we ever do meet, I shall beat him decisively.

McTIGUE A CLEVER BOXER.

in This Country Since 1915.

Mike McTigue, veteran Irish-American pugilist, who captured the world's light heavyweight championship last night by defeating Battling Siki on points in a 20-round bout at Dublin never reached the championship class in the United States, although he laid claim to both the Irish and Canadian middleweight titles.

His claim to the Canadian title was disputed by Jeff Smith, who gained a decision over him in Halifax in 1921. He won the championship in 1920 when he knocked out Gene Brosseau, the recognized Dominion titleholder at that time, in five rounds.

McTigue, a crafty ring general and clever boxer, fought most of the leading middle and light-heavyweight pugilists in this country, where he started his professional career in 1915. Acocrding to record books, he past eight years and holds two decis- lost but three out of 101 bouts in the past eight years and holds two decisions over Harry Greb, former American light-heavy weight champion.

He won forty-seven of his fights by knockouts and twenty-one by decisions records reveal, while twenty-eight others were no-decision affairs and one a draw. Besides his victories over Greb one a newspaper verdict in 1919 and the other a referee's decision in 1920, McTigue defeated Battling Levinsky, former world's light heavyweight champion and Augie Ratner and Tommy Robson, two prominent middleweights. He was never matched with either Mike O'Dowd or Johnny Wilson.

DIVERTED CHALLENGE TO SIKI.

McTigue however was believed by critics to be past the zenith of his career when he left the United States last June for France to seek a match with Georges Carpentier, then holder of the world's light-heavyweight title. He diverted his challenge to Siki when the Senegalese lifted the crown from Carpentier, but the bout was not definitely arranged until last month.

McTigue engaged in six bouts last year before sailing for abroad, losing to and winning from Young Fisher of Syracuse, boxing a draw with Lou Bogash, a no-decision bout with Tommy Loughran and defeating Tommy Robson and Billy Beckett.

Siki, apparently outgeneraled by his more experienced opponent and not in proper condition, according to cabled reports of the bout, was defending for the first time the title he won by stopping Georges Carpentier in the sixth round of a bout at Paris, September 24, 1922.

The Senegalese, a picturesque figure of the Paris cabarets who boasted that he trained on wine and "high life," has been a storm centre in French boxing circles since his sensational rise to pugilistic fame.

SIKI–M'TIGUE ARGUMENT SETTLED BY COMMISSION

March 23, 1923.

International Boxing Head Claims Fight Must Be Done Over

Nashville Globe,

Paris, March 21—Contention of the French boxing federation that Mike McTigue did not win the light heavyweight champion from Battling Siki because the bout was not contested under official championship condition received a partial substantiation from the International Boxing Federation today.

"Siki retains the light heavy weight championship because the contest in which he was defeated on points by Mike McTigue did not conform with federation rules," said Mr. Rosseau, vice president of the federation.

Nashville Tennessean

It might be explained that the International Federation consisting of members from all the European nations, assumes control and supervision of boxing all over the world. Its American connection is through the National Boxing Association of the United States.

Rosseau contends that McTigue did not challenge officially, that the federation did not license the contest or appoint the referee, that Siki did not make weight and that the title was not at stake.

To settle the controversy the federation probably will suggest that McTigue and Siki meet again under official championship conditions in Paris.—Tenessean.

ALL PARIS HANDS SIKI THE 'HA! HA!'

Houston Texas

~~Houston~~ Post

PARIS, March 18.—"Battling" Siki's defeat by Mike McTigue in Dublin Saturday night caused much rejoicing among the enemies of the Senegalese fighter in Paris and was received with the keenest of disappointment by his admirers. Shorn of all discussion as to whether or not the referee's decision was partial, sporting men in Paris today expressed the opinion that Siki, with the advantage of weight and reach, should have disposed of McTigue inside of the 20-round limit.

The defeat of Siki, sporting men declared, will end the Siki boom, which close followers of boxing in France assert has been "smoked up" with an intensity totally unwarranted by the negro's fistic ability.

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The general opinion here now seems to be that while Siki's victory over Carpentier was not a fluke, it was won over a man who is unable to stand much punishment and who must win his fight within the first three or four rounds of a battle. Siki is credited as having one redeeming feature by ring followers, his ability to take punishment.

A return battle between Carpentier Siki which has been advertised for ember 16, is considered to have greatly endangered by virtue of ue's defeat of the black man.

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"Battling Siki."

SIKI LOSES BOUT, TITLE REMAINS HIS

The Chicago Defender

French and International Boxing Federations Say Title Was Not Involved

Chicago Ill

By FRANK WITHERS

By Cable to The Chicago Defender

Paris, France, March 19.—Battling Siki, whose real name is Louis Phal, may have lost to Mike McTigue on points in Dublin on March 17, but he did not lose his title because the French boxing federation in a statement today to L'Auto said no world's championship was involved. M. Albert Bourdariat, vice president of the federation, said the rules required that the adversary of the champion must challenge him and that McTigue never did that. He also declared that the match was at catch weights and that neither man weighed in before the bout, and added that the rules also stated specifically that the referee must be appointed by the international boxing federation, and that this was not done.

SIKI

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While this is being discussed, I am informed of good authority that Siki is patiently awaiting the arrival of an American boat to sail for France, as he will not be allowed on British soil. The French fans, after hearing of Carpentier's version of the fight believe that Siki was robbed of the decision, the worst of which could have only been a draw. Many believe Siki's manager made a great mistake in fighting the champion in Ireland on St. Patricks' day, as there was no chance of him ever getting the decision without knocking his opponent out, and that would have been a dangerous thing to do. The Senegalese World war hero would have had to whip the whole Irish army.

Followers of the American fistic game here were not surprised at the outcome, as they believed McTigue, who is a great defensive fighter, had decided to stay the 20 rounds, believing that he would get the benefit of the doubt, especially as he is of Irish extraction.

SIKI AND CARPENTIER TO BOX FOR CHARITY.

Dallas Express
Dallas Texas

(Crusader Service)

Paris, March 10.—An agreement is reported reached between the managers of Battling Siki and Georges Carpentier, by which the fighters will sign shortly for a match involving the light-heavyweight championship of the world, the title which Siki won from Carpentier at their last meeting. 3/10/23

The bout will take place in the Buffalo Velodrome here on Sept. 9, at 3 p. m., and will be twenty rounds of three minutes each, with four—ounce gloves.

The fighters, it is said, will receive either 5 per cent of the gate receipts or 20,000 francs. In addition to their training expenses the remainder of the receipts being donated to French charities.

SIKI CHECKS IN AT PARIS

Atlanta Ga.

The Atlanta Constitution

Paris, April 4.—Battling Siki is loose again. April 5, 1923.

The senagalese pugilist accomplished the unexpected and escaped from Ireland where he had been marooned since his St. Patrick's Day defeat.

Siki arrived at Le Havre Wednesday just as Deputy Diagne, colored, who represents the wilds of Senegalese in the French parliament, was hammering at the door of the Quai D' Orsay, demanding that the French government dispatch an airplane to Cork to rescue his constituent.

The Bearcat, who went to Ireland to lose the light heavyweight championship of the world to mike McTigue in Dublin on the Irish holiday, arrived as a stowaway on a small cargo boat. Since he nestled close to the coal bin on the boat, his presence was not known until he jumped up and ran when the boat landed.

Siki was very sea-sick all across the channel as the boat on which he traveled is one of the smallest plying between France and Ireland.

Those who met him at the dock declared he landed full of righteous indignation and Irish whiskey.

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WAS SIKI ROBBED OF FIGHT?

The Negro World 4-7-23

It begins to look as if Battling Siki was robbed of the decision on points over Mike McTigue in Dublin on St. Patrick's Day. The London News says that the light-heavyweight championship did not pass from Siki because the articles for the fight did not stipulate the weight at which the fighters should enter the ring, and the vice president of the French Boxing Association says that the title is still retained by Siki because McTigue did not officially challenge Siki and the Federation did not appoint the referee, two conditions which must be observed before the championship title can pass from one fighter to another. Siki has entered a protest with the French Boxing Association against awarding the title to McTigue and Georges Carpentier, who was at the ringside, while making it plain that he would have been pleased to see his conqueror defeated, termed the decision as "most incomprehensible."

New York N.Y.

Siki had the best of the tame fight all the way until the last rounds, when McTigue sailed in, and, it is said, got the best of it, although Siki was up and going when the gong sounded in the twentieth round. It looks as if Siki was sure of winning on points and had his reason for not knocking out his man, perhaps because of the warlike disposition of the Irish in Dublin, and that the referee strained the matter to the breaking point in awarding the fight to McTigue on points. It is significant that Carpentier should think the verdict "most incomprehensible," and we are sure the French Boxing Association "will have to be shown" before it accepts the verdict as final.—Negro Daily Times.

BATTLING SIKI, SICK AND BLUE, REACHES FRANCE

United Press Report.

The Houston Post 4-5-23
Houston Texas

LE HAVRE, France, April 4—Full of seasickness and the blues, Battling Siki, who left a month ago as the world's light heavyweight champion, returned Wednesday on a small cargo boat just as an ordinary black colonial.

While the former champion was bouncing around on the sea in the hold of the ship, M. Diagne, the colored deputy from Senegal, was petitioning the government to send an airplane to Ireland and get him back to France.

Siki, it was said, was marooned in Ireland. American and British boats refused to take him as a passenger. In the meantime Siki was accepted as a passenger on a cargo boat.

Siki States He Was Robbed of the Title

Associated Press Report.

The Houston Post 4-6-23

PARIS, April 5.—"I was robbed," said Battling Siki, the Senegalese fighter, who returned Wednesday from Ireland while referring today to the fight in Dublin in which he lost his light heavyweight championship to Mike McTigue.

"I will never go to Ireland again," the black man continued, "unless I can cross by way of England. I lost so much weight during the ocean trip to Ireland and back that I am now a middleweight."

Siki knocked out a diner in one of the best known Paris restaurants early this morning in a brawl.

Sam Langford May Fight Carpentier in Mexico

N.Y. Amsterdam News 4/11/23

(Preston News Service.)

BOSTON, Mass., April 10.—Word has been received here that M. Baldomoreo Romero, the Mexican prize fight promoter, has announced that he has word from his Paris representative to the effect that Georges Carpentier has signed an agreement for a bout with Sam Langford in Mexico City after Carpentier's bout with Battling Siki next September.

Sam Langford, the Boston Bean Eater, recently won the Mexican heavyweight championship by defeating Kid Savage.

SIKI OUTWITS BRITISH GETS BACK TO PARIS

CHAMPION ESCAPES FROM IRELAND IN SPITE OF REFUSAL OF ENGLISH AND AMERICAN SHIPS TO SELL HIM TICKET

(Crusader Service)

The Nashville Globe
Nashville, Tenn. 4-13-23

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SIKI KNOCKS OUT NILLES IN SECOND

Loses First Round, but Floors White Man Twice in Next After Savage Attack.

UST MEET CARPENTIEF

ing Federation Says Contrac for French Title Bout Has to Be Signed by Sunday.

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N.Y. Times

PARIS, July 8.—(Phillip ("Battling") Siki, the coal black Senegalese, who a year ago knocked out Carpentier and has since courted notoriety which has more than once landed him in the police courts, came back today into prominence as a boxer when in the second round of a fifteen-round contest he knocked out Marcel Nilles, former champion of France. In the last three months both Carpentier and Siki have beaten Nilles and the two must now meet for the championship of France.

For the fight today Siki, in whom African aboriginary is still dominant, in spite of the fact that he has been both a soldier and a bottle washer in France for some time, consented to train seriously. He was in excellent shape when he entered the ring and, although the betting favored Nilles, many feared the negro's return to the savage form which characterized his fight with Carpentier. The first round went somewhat in favor of the white man. More than once he broke through the negro's guard and landed his blome but without enough strength to affect the black man. Toward the end of the round Siki, who had been on the defensive, suddenly sprang out and landed a windmill right and left to Nilles's body. In the big stadium one could hear the sound of the blows, but Nilles seemed undisturbed and landed a straight left on the negro's fact which brought the blood.

In the second round, as in the first, the negro's attack was on the body of the former champion, who replied with a left hook to the jaw. The two men clinched and were just breaking away when Siki landed another windmill left on the point of Nilles's jaw. The former champion stood stationary for a second. Then his knees gave away and he sank to the floor. He took only the count of three and began to struggle. Scarcely was he on his feet, his hands hanging at his side, when the negro sprang forward and landed two more on his face which laid the former champion low for the count of ten.

In his corner, meanwhile, Siki, whose real name is Louis Fall, was doing a Dervish dance surrounded by half a dozen countrymen who were throwing flowers at him. His victory was not popular with the crowd and there were no such scenes as took place on the day he laid low the national idol who, in his recent fight with Nilles, needed eight rounds before he managed to land the knockout blow.

The two men must no wmeet again in accord with a decision of the French Boxing Federation whose ultimatum is that the contract must be signed before next Sunday.

BATTLING SIKI APPEALS AGAINST 'PERSECUTION'

Fighter Makes Pathetic Plea Before French Court in Attachment Suit.

PARIS, July 7 (Associated Press).—Battling Siki made a pathetic appeal to Judge Escoffier of the French Civil Tribunal this afternoon against what he termed the "persecution" to which he has been subjected for the last several months, culminating in an attachment placed by one of his numerous former managers on any and all purses or stakes for which Siki may fight in the future.

M. Edmond Lapart of Toulouse was the plaintiff in the case. He already had a lien on Siki's end of the purse for his fight against Morelle on June 2, and today an injunction was served upon the promoters forbidding them to pay the Senegalese any money for fighting Marcel Nilles tomorrow.

M. Lapart, who was one of Siki's earliest managers, holds what his lawyers claim is a perfectly legal and binding contract entitling him to 30 per cent. of Siki's earnings. The contract is dated 1918.

The Senegalese, who has been training earnestly for the Nilles batle tomorrow, appeared in low spirits. He said:

"I am tired of fighting for glory. I got only chicken feed when I beat Carpentier. Why don't they let up on me? I need money for my family."

The Judge postponed judgment until July 14. Meanwhile Siki will not receive a single centime for fighting Nilles.

SIKI FINDS HIS PLANS INTERRUPTED

(By Associated Negro Press.)

Paris, France, June 18.—Battling Sikis expressed intention to visit the United States and engage in fights under the management of Robert Eudilene, the manager of the famed Criqui, the conqueror of Johnny Kilbane, may be stopped unless he agrees to fight Marcel Nilles before he leaves these shores for America. It is thought, however that **Eudilne may be able to fix up the matter with the boxing federation so that the renowned Senagalese may leave for the States on the 22d of June. It is not known who he** will fight in New York. Siki would ke **a return match with** Tigue, the Irishman, who gained a decision against Siki in Dublin sometime since.

SIKI'S MANAGER DECIDES TO GO BACK TO IRELAND

Preston News Service.

NEW YORK CITY, June 20.—According to uncensored reports coming from Dublin Mike McTigue has signed articles to meet Battling Siki in a return bout at Dublin on September 8. It is said that the agreement was reached between Dr. Patrick McCartan representing Siki and Joe Jacobs, McTigue's manager. McTigue is to receive $100,000 for his end of the purse, it was said. Just what Siki is to get no mention was made.

St. Louis Argus

6/27/23

canvass for the count. It is said that when Godfrey realized that he had handed his boss too stiff a blow he rushed to him, caught him and relieved him of the brunt of the fall.

Fight fans in this section are up in arms because Jack Dempsey is failing to take his training seriously. They point out that he is hitting the "shine" too heavily and neglecting his training. Some are inclined to think that he holds Gibbons too lightly. Others are of the opinion that Dempsey wants to be whipped as he had a decided aversion to the idea of surrendering the championship title to a Negro.

It is thought in many circles that Dempsey knows that Wills can lick him to a frazzle and for that reason he is not training as seriously as he should.

SIKI STILL DECLINES TO COME TO THE UNITED STATES

Preston News Service.

NEW YORK CITY, June 20—Attention is focused on what Siki is going to do about the Tex Rickard offer to come to America and meet Kid Norfolk. According to latest reports he had not as yet consented to come to America. However, it is reported that Siki has asked Robert Eudeline to take charge of his affairs in America. Eudeline is reported as stating that under no circumstances will he take charge of Siki's affairs in this country.

Siki Won't Box for Science

The Sunday American 8-26-23

Paris Fans Demanding Action

Atlanta, Ga.

By HARRY FLORY.

PARIS, August 25.—Battling Siki refuses to box for the benefit of French science. Georges Carpenter professes willingness, but doesn't want to fight before winter.

So it seems the much-heralded Siki-Carpenter revenge match to settle the respective merits of the two fighters, which didn't remain settled after Siki knocked out the fair Georges in four rounds last September, will not be fought.

In order to escape disqualification by the French Boxing Federation and also to dissipate the unpleasant odors which arose from their previous meeting, both Carpentier and the Battler agreed to fight again, all the receipts to go to the French laboratories. The match was scheduled for September 16.

BOTH STOPPED NILES.

Then Carpentier regained lost prestige by knocking out Marcel Niles, erstwhile king of French heavies. Siki also disposed of the same pushover, and both became impressed with their own importance. Neither could see the wisdom of fighting for nothing when they could command handsome purses.

Georges asked postponement of the bout to allow him to take on England's venerable Joseph Beckett.

Siki's excuses were more ingenuous. In fact, they were flat refusals

"Siki's good friend of everybody afraid of no one, always happy never sick; will box for a cocktail a nice roast chicken or nothing, but never for the laboratories," the Senegalese wrote the Boxing Federation, according to La Liberte.

Then he told why he was so decided.

SIKI ALWAYS HAPPY.

"Old fossils in laboratories make helpless rabbits drink rhum just to show Siki it's bad for his stomach,' he wrote. "Siki's not a chemist, not a gentleman, like Carpentier, but 'beaucoup' intelligent, and afraid of no one, always happy.

"But if I fight for the laboratories they'll just buy more rhum for new rabbits. Therefore, Siki'll do nothing for laboratories."

Paris boxing fans are demanding that the federation disqualify both boxers unless they go through with their fight on September 16, as scheduled.

Siki Is Fi[illegible] 30[illegible]

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Special Cable to THE NEW YORK TIMES

PARIS, June 1[illegible].—Battling Siki today was fined in the Eleventh Chamber of the Correctional Court for his recent escapade, in which he fired a shot into the ceiling of a cabaret and struck a policeman who tried to arrest him. What was more important was that the Judge threatened to send him to prison the next time he appeared in court. This caused a sigh of relief in the French capital, as Siki has been a nuisance since his victory over Carpentier. Siki's first obnoxiousness was caused over his drinking and, as a result, he was for a time deprived of his title and license. Since these were restored to him his penchant has been to stroll the boulevards with a young lion and to buy the beast apéritifs in fashionable cafés. A near riot followed in the wake of the Senegalese, and several days ago a suit was started against him by a man who says he broke his arm in dodging an attack by Siki's lion. In court this afternoon the Judge told Siki that he would be lenient this time because he was dealing with an infant. A fine of 305 francs was imposed.

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"Battling" Siki.

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The Atlanta Georgian 7-10-23

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Atlanta Ga.

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7-10-23

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Although Siki was outpointed in the first round of Sunday's fight, he succeeded in landing one terrific right swing to the body. He landed another in the second round and Nilles went down. He came up wobbly, but two more terrific wallops to the jaw put him down for the count.

SIKI FIGHTS FOR PLEASURE

Knocks Out Marcel Nilles, but Receives No Reward.

[By The Associated Press.]

The Chicago Daily News

Paris, France, July 9.—Battling Siki's share of purses and gate receipts may be attached, but not so the punch in his left arm. The Senegalese, fighting only for glory, as the result of an injunction that prevented him from receiving any of the proceeds, knocked out Marcel Nilles yesterday early in the second round of what was to have been a fifteen-round bout.

7-9-23

The big French heavyweight went into the ring the favorite. He carried the fight to Siki in the first round and embarked on the same tactics at the opening of the second, only to find himself in a clinch. As they broke the Senegalese shot across a left to the jaw and the fight was over.

The action that denied Siki a material reward was brought by Edmond Lapart, one of the boxer's former managers, who alleges that he has a claim on part of Siki's earnings. Final judgment in the case has been reserved.

SIKI IS BEATEN BY TAYLOR IN PHILLY

By Universal Service.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 26.—Battling Siki, Senegalese conquerer of Georges Carpentier and wearer for a time of the light-heavyweight crown of the world, was beaten by Jack Taylor, of Omaha, in his Philadelphia debut Tuesday at the Philadelphia Athletic Club.

Atlanta Georgian

Taylor was awarded the decision in the 10-round wind-up.

12-27-23

Siki throughout the struggle was a jungle cat, one that could swirl about the ropes, dance around and swish its claws but one that could not scratch. Taylor, fighting a defensive battle most of the way, eluded Siki's wild lunges and shot damaging blows to the Senegalese body when the latter attempted his intricate steps on the ropes.

Only in the first round was Siki able to step out in front, but real wallops were rare in that stanza. As the scrap progressed Siki sought even harder to batter down Taylor, but his only blow he could land, an overhand, half-hook, half-chop, rolled off Taylor without effect.

Taylor jabbed blood from Siki's nose in the first round and the latter closed his right eye.

In the semi-windup of 10 rounds, Lew Kid Lewis, of Waterbury, Conn., slugged his way to a decision over Pedro Gampo. Lewis took everything Gampo had to offer and then handed out punishment much more severe

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SIKI LOSES TO TAYLOR IN 10 RDS

The Chicago Defender

Philadelphia, Pa., Dec. 28.—Battling Siki, the French Senegalese, lost his second American fight when he allowed Jack Taylor of Omaha, Neb., to outpoint him in their 10-round bout on Christmas day. Although Siki began the fun by tearing into the 180-pounder from the Cornhusker state, it soon became evident that he was not in the best of condition and could not keep up the pace he set for himself.

12-29-23

Chicago, Ill.

Jack Taylor

The Senegalese was beginning to show signs of fatigue by the fifth round and his punches were becoming ineffective. Taylor took advantage of this apparent weakness and started shooting rights and lefts to Siki's jaw with such deadly accuracy that he completely closed one of the battler's eyes and had the blood flowing freely from his nose and mouth before the fight was finished.

Siki entered the ring weighing 177¼ pounds.

SIKI HALED AGAIN

COLORED BOXER MUST MEET FRENCH FIGHTER BEFORE HE COMES TO U. S. A.

The [illegible] 6/16/23

Paris, June 12, 1923—The boxing federation has ruled that Battling Siki must meet Marcel Nilles on July 8, as scheduled, before he leaves for New York. The penalty for disobeying this mandate will be disqualification for life.

However, the federation intends first to take the question up with Robert Eudoline and the New York boxing authorities before taking such stern measures. Siki has signified his intention of placing himself in the care of Eudoline, Criqui's manager, while in the United States. He has also said that he intended to sail for New York on June 22.

SIKI KNOCKS NILLES OUT IN SECOND ROUND

Senegalese Fighter on the Defensive in First Session, But Wins in Next.

By The Associated Press.

Commercial Appeal Memphis 7-9-23

PARIS, July 8.—Battling Siki today knocked out Marcel Nilles, a French heavyweight pugilist, in the second round of what was to have been a 15-round round battle.

Nilles, in May, was knocked out in the eighth round by Georges Carpentier, the light-heavyweight. He was considered by followers of the ring to have been France's best heavyweight.

Siki's hard head and his "steel" ribs proved immune to an onslaught from Nilles in the first round. The white man carried the battle throughout this session with Siki bent nearly double in a crouch and assimilating everything Nilles handed out to him. The judgment of those about the ringside was that Nilles was sure to be the winner of the one-sided contest.

Over confident from his showing, Nilles came from his corner at the clang of the gong for the second round as if it was his intention immediately to finish off his opponent and have the affair ended. The shifty Senegalese, however, went into a clinch with Nilles and pushed him into a corner. Then, as they broke away, Siki swung his left to the jaw of the white man. Nilles went down, face foremost, as though he had been struck with an axe.

Before the fight Siki was enraged over the decision rendered yesterday by the judge of the civil tribunal, giving Edmond Lapart an injunction forbidding the promoters to pay over to Siki any part of the purse or stakes accruing from today's match. Siki, because of the court's decision was fighting merely for "glory."

BATTLING SIKI COMING TO STATES

The Washington Tribune 6/16/23

"Battling" Siki former light heavyweight champion of the world will leave Paris on June 22nd, for New York. According to rumors Siki is scheduled to fight Marelle in Paris on June 16th. The French Sengalese was booked to meet Marcel Nilles on July 8 but according to Siki, an unauthorized manager booked the match. Nevertheless the French Commission is expected to suspend Siki if he fails to go through with the bout.

SIKI MUST BOX NILLES

(Crusader Servce.)

The [illegible] 6/14/23

Paris, June 18.—The Boxing Federation has ruled that Battling Siki must meet Marcel Nilles on July 8, as scheduled, before he leaves for New York. The penalty for disobeying this mandate will be disqualification for life. Siki had made plans to leave Paris for New York by June

Siki Sails June 22

African Fighter Changes His Mind About Coming To America

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. 6-15-23

Paris, June 10.—Siki, the battling Senegalese, has decided to abandon his bout with Nilles here on July 8, cast off any managers who may believe they have a claim on him here and set sail for America. As he explains it: "After Criqui's victory I see a great future for me in America and on June 22 I am off for the country of the dollars."

"But how about your match with Morelle here next Saturday?" he was asked by *The World* correspondent.

"I got to fight," said Siki, "or I will be disqualified."

"But suppose Morelle beats you; then you'll have no standing in America."

"Oh, yes, I will; that won't hurt my reputation in America. Besides, haven't I knocked out everybody who stood up against me—Journee, Nilles and Carpentier—and you don't think a little man like Morelle can get anywhere with me!"

Siki intends to put himself in the hands of Criqui's manager, Eudeline. Siki says: "Eudeline is getting on there."

Siki in Good Humor When Fined 300 Francs in Court

[*By The Associated Press.*]

6/19/23

Paris, France, June 19.—Battling Siki, the Senegalese heavyweight, today was fined 300 francs and roundly lectured in police court for firing a revolver in a cafe, punching the nose of a waiter and insulting the policemen who arrested him. The judge added 5 francs for drunkenness.

Siki grinned broadly as he listened to the good advice from the bench, gave a military salute and shook hands with every one in the courtroom except the judge, who took refuge in flight. The fighter than walked out, followed by the hundreds who had packed the courtroom expecting the stiff jail sentence which the court had promised if Siki was ever again haled before it.

SIKI-M'TGUE IN ERIN

TO FIGHT AGAIN IN DUBLN SEPT. 8. SIKI SOME GAME BOY

6/16/23

Babylon, N. Y., June 18—Mike McTighe, light heavyweight champion of the world, today signed articles to meet Battling Siki, former European titleholder, in a return bout at Dublin, Sept. 8. The agreement was reached between Dr. Patrick McCartan of Dublin, representing Siki, and Joe Jacobs, McTighe's manager. McTighe will receive $100,000 for his end of the purse, it was said.

SIKI AGAINST U. S. A.'S

SIKI TURNS DOWN $10,000 RATHER THAN RISK AMERICAN PREJUDICE

The Guardian Boston, Mass. 6/16/23

When Battling Siki received Tex Rickard's offer of $10,000 to fight Kid Norfolk late in June or early in July he coldly refused the offer.

Then he added that the reason for refusing the American offer is that he is to meet Marcel Nilles in Paris on July 8, but the French battler confided to his friends that he would never again fight outside of continental Europe. He claims that what he has seen of American white people in France makes him feel that he would not be given a square deal in America. "Why, just look how I was treated in Dublin when I fought Mike McTigue, and they tell me that Americans hate Negroes, and I believe it, because every time I go into a cafe where they are over here they try to snub me."

SIKI WINNER OVER NILLES

Atlanta Constitution 7/9/23

Paris, July 8.—(By the Associated Press.)—Battling Siki today knocked out Marcel Nilles, a French heavyweight pugilist, in the second round of what was to have been a 20-round battle.

Nilles in May was knocked out in the eighth round by Georges Carpentier, the light heavyweight. He was considered by followers of the ring to have been France's best heavyweight.

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WAITER BEATEN BY BATTLING SIKI

Houston Post Houston, Texas 4-9-23

Associated Press Report.

PARIS, Auril 8.—"Battling" Siki the Senegalese pugilist, has been summoned to appear tomorrow morning before the investigating magistrate of the tribunal of the Seine to answer to a charge of aggravated assult with intent to cause bodily injury and also to a charge of intoxication. The charges grew out of his fight several nights ago with a man in an all night restaurant in Montmartre. The man a waiter, was knocked out by Siki

Siki Gets License

Afro-American

New York, Sept. 20.—Battling Siki, the Senegalese boxer, now in this country, was granted a license this week to box in New York State. 9-21-23

Siki was present at the Dempsey-Firpo bout, where he expected to be introduced, but for some reason he was not invited to the ring. He is appearing this week at the Lafayette Theatre, where he is giving exhibitions of exercises used by boxers in making preparations for their fights.

Baltimore, Md.

SIKI STILL HAS TITLE

(By The Associated Negro Press)

Afro-American Baltimore, Md. 6/29/23

Paris, France, June 27.—Siki lost his big fight with the Frenchman Morelle Saturday night through an unintentional foul in the sixth round. No title was at stake as Morelle was only middleweight and the fight was merely an exhibition bout. Siki was having the best of the bout at the time of the foul, although the men fought evenly during the first five rounds.

SIKI REFUSES TO BOX FOR SCIENCE

The Guardian 8-23-23 Boston, Mass.

Paris, Aug. 14, 1923.—Battling Siki refuses to box for the benefit of French science. Georges Carpentier professes willingness, but doesn't want to fight before winter.

So it seems the much-hearalded Siki-Carpenter revenge match to settle **the respective merits of the two fighters, which didn't remain settled after** Siki knocked out the fair Georges in four rounds last September will not be fought.

French Order Siki and Carpentier to Fight on Sept. 16

Commercial Appeal Memphis 5-23

PARIS, [illegible]—The council of the French Boxing Federation has decided to summon Georges Carpentier and Battling Siki to sign for a match on Sept. 16, when Siki's titles as light heavyweight champion of the world and of Europe would be at stake. The contract must be signed before July 17. The proceeds of the match will go for scientific research.

Sports - 1923.

Colored Amateur Athletes Continue to Make Good

That the colored athlete is making his presence felt in track and field athletics not only in this country but abroad as well, will be very clearly brought to mind next Saturday afternoon (Sept. 8) when the Wilco Athletic Association stages the Pre-Olympic games at the Yankee stadium. Entry to the events being contested at these games is by invitation only, and none except the foremost stars of this country and Europe were invited. In the regular course of events invitations were extended to seven Negro athletes who because of their achievements on track and field are ranked as leaders in their particular specialties. These seven athletes have accepted the invitation and will be on hand to prove to the sport loving public that the confidence of the officials of the Wilco A. A. in their athletic ability was not misplaced.

The athletes referred to are: De Hart Hubbard, of the University of Michigan, present national and collegiate champion in the running broad and hop, step and jump; Ned Gourdin, formerly of Harvard, and present holder of the world's record of 25 feet 3 inches in the running broad jump; Harry F. V. Edwards, of London, England, champion of Great Britain in the 100, 220 and 440 yards, all of which he won in one afternoon, a truly remarkable series of performances; R. Earl Johnston, of Pittsburgh, present national five-mile champion, and former national ten-mile and cross-country champion; Arthur Washington, of Chicago, who a fortnight ago won the Central A. A. U. 100-yard championship in 9 4-5 seconds; Fred West, the Washington and Jefferson University football and track star, who displayed his versatility at the Pennsylvania relay carnival last spring by winning the College Pentathlon championship, a five-event all-around test, and the following day helped his relay team break a relay record; and Dewey Rodgers, the former University of Pennsylvania quarter miler who contributed his share to the world's record breaking performance returned by the U. of P. four for the one-mile relay, a record which stands as the world's best, but is expected to be broken at the Wilco games on Saturday when an All-East combination consisting of Jake Driscoll, of Boston; Allan Woodring, of Syracuse, the Olympic 200 meter champion; Allan Helffrich, the intercollegiate and national half-mile champion; and J. Coard Taylor, formerly of Princeton, and runner-up to Woodring in the intercollegiate quarter mile championship this year, meet the University of Iowa quartet, which will represent the West.

One of the finest exhibitions of broad jumping ever witnessed in this country or in the world for that matter, is looked for when Hubbard and Gourdin contest for premier honors in the running broad jump at this meet. Gourdin was the first athlete who ever cleared 25 feet in the running broad jump, and before he accomplished the feat, athletic experts freely admitted that the world's record at that time, credited to O'Connor of Ireland, of 24 feet 11 inches, would never be broken. Gourdin, however, accomplished what was thought to be impossible, and less than two years later Hubbard comes along and jumps over 25 feet on two different occasions in competition, and has bettered Gourdin's world's record in practice. This shows what a remarkable jumper Hubbard is, and the contest between these two great colored men will be worth going miles to see.

9-5-23

Edwards has come to this country with a remarkable record, and he feels that he is in condition to uphold this record. He ran third to Paddock and Kirksey, the two American sprinters, in the Olympic 100 meter championship at Antwerp three years ago, and third to Woodring and Paddock in the 200 meter race. These two performances were turned in by Edwards despite the fact that he was suffering from a strained tendon at the time. He has fully recovered from the leg trouble that has handicapped him in many of his important races overseas, and is now ready to tackle the best we can produce in this country. Edwards will not only run in the 100 meter race, but will be a strong contender for premier honors in the 200 and 400 meter events, provided the order of events are so arranged as to permit him to race in all three events.

New York Amsterdam News

Earl Johnston's fame as a distance runner has spread over the length and breadth of this country. He was America's second best distance runner at the Olympic games at Antwerp, but had the misfortune to be seized with a stitch in his side during the 10,000 meter race, and had to drop out. However, when he returned to the United States, he proved his worth by winning the national five and ten mile and cross country championships. He was unable to leave his business to train and race as often as was necessary last fall and winter, and therefore was not seen in many races around New York, but he has been training hard this year, and is in hopes of showing a performance at the Wilco games that will warrant the American Olympic Committee considering him for a place on the 1924 Olympic team.

HOMER ROBINSON IS NATIONAL A. A. U. 160 POUND CHAMPION

Husky Pittsburgher Beats Best Middleweights of Country at Boston.

The N. Y. Age 4/21/23

Boston, Mass.—Homer Robinson, 160 pound boxer of Pittsburgh, Pa., was the winner of the A. A. U. championship here on Wednesday night, April 10. In the semi-final bout he put Fred Krebs of Bayonne, N. J., out of the running in one of the most sensational fights of the evening, and in the final bout he defeated George Allen, a local star.

Robinson fought his way through an unusually large field of middleweights, and in defeating Allen, he becomes the national amateur champion of the United States and Canada. Last year he fought his way through the esmi-finals of the 160 and 175 pound classes, only to lose in the finals. He is a member of the Scholastic Club of Pittsburgh.

Sports—1923.

OXFORD TEAM TAKES PENN RELAY FEATURE

Milligan's 1:55 4-5 Half Mile Brings Victory in Sprint Medley.

HIGGINS WINS 2-MILE RUN

Defeats Large Field in International Race—Morgan, of England, Is Sixth.

WEST TAKES PENTATHLON

W. and J. Athlete Makes Impressive Showing—Two Intercollegiate Records Broken.

Special to The New York Times.

PHILADELPHIA, April 27.—An impressive exhibition of running by Captain William R. Milligan of the Oxford track team gave England a triumph over America on Franklin Field here this afternoon in the one-mile American college championship sprint medley relay race, the feature event on the opening day program of the twenty-ninth annual University of Pennsylvania relay carnival.

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Running the closing leg of the relay as if his life depended upon his efforts in that last thrilling half-mile chase, Milligan gave Oxford a victory by a margin ofabout ten yards over the sturdy United States Naval Academy quartet,, which carried off second honors through the determined anchor running of Midshipman Newhall. Georgetown had to be content with third position in a field of six starters, finishing fifteen yards back of the Navy when Eddie Brooks weakened after a valiant but futile attempt to run Milligan into the ground on the closing leg of the race. Milligan's time for the half-mile was 1:55 4-5.

Oxford's time for the race was 3:32 1-5. The world's mark is 3:28 2-5, made by Kaufman, Lennon, Scudder and Meredith, University of Pennsylvania. This mark is also the American and collegiate record for the distance. The victory for Oxford carried with it, in addition to the distinction of supremacy over American college teams at this relay distance, the Thomas Gates challenge cup.

Higgins Triumphs.

Because of its significance, Oxford's victory stood out in a wealth of interesting competitions which ushered in this annual athletic fixture. The satisfaction of this triumph was accentuated because it came on the heels of an overwhelming defeat Oxford had suffered in the International two mile race which was another important attraction. Walter Higgins, remarkable Columbia distance runner who holds the intercollegiate two mile and cross-country titles, upset the hopes of the English athletes in the two mile event when he scored a victory after running C. B. E. Morgan, Oxford's star, ragged in a mile and a half.

Morgan struggled gamely against thirteen crack American college distance runners in this test but he was no match for Higgins today. The Columbia star, in better condition than he has enjoyed for some time, closed with a terrific burst of speed to win by about fifty yards in 9:42 1-5. W. M. Thompson of Hamilton College, Canada, who finished second in this race last year, trailed the flying Higgins. Verne Booth of John Hopkins finished third. Morgan had to be content with fifth honors, after weakening under the driving closing pace of his American rivals.

Stout hearted little Jimmy Connolly carried Georgetown to victory for the second successive year in the distance medley relay championship race at two an done-half miles. Connolly outran McLane of Pennsylvania, and Kilpatrick of Ohio State to win by twenty yards in 10:25. This victory gave Georgetown the Robert C. Hill Challenge Cup. In the quarter mile American College relay championship the University of Pennsylvania retained the title won last year in a record breaking performance. Penn won through a spectacular closing 110-yard sprint by Earl Gill. The time was 43 seconds, shattering the old carnival record, which was hel dby Penn, by two-fifths of a second. The collegiate mark is 42 4-5 seconds. The world's record is 42 2-5 seconds, held by the New York A. C.

Two New Collegiate Records.

The record equaling performance by Penn was one of four record feats among the college athletes which the day produced. F. D. Tootell, Bowdoin College National Junior champion, who yesterday was credited with an unofficial toss of 181 feet, today captured the hammer throw with a toss of 174 feet 5 inches, shattering the intercollegiate record of 171 feet 2 inches, made by Johnny Merchant, University of California, last year, and displacing the long standing carnival record of 163 feet 1 inches, made in 1912 by L. Talbot of Pennsylvania State.

In the running, hop, step and jump, DeHart Husband of the University of Michigan, cleared 48 feet 10¾ inches in winning, displacing the Collegiate record of 48 feet 4¼ inches, made in 1917 by W. B. Overbce of Illinois. Another record was equaled in the South Atlantic Intercollegiate A. A. mile relay championship in which the University of Virginia defeated Johns Hopkins University, in 3:23. This time equaled the carnival record established by Virginia last year.

In addition to these college record performances, there were a number of record feats by schoolboy relay teams in local grammar school events, which were more or less obscured by the weight of more important events. A crowd of 15,000, the largest gathering that has ever attended an opening at this annual fixture, stood or sat, thrilled and excited, through four hours of spectacular competition.

Stevenson Runs Brilliantly.

This crowd left the stadium talking not of record performances the day produced, but of the spectacular race furnished in the championship sprint medley relay. It was fitting, too, that an American contributed in no small measure to the English triumph. Billy Stevenson, Rhodes scholar at Oxford, who formerly competed for Princeton and one time the American national quarter-mile champion, shared with Milligan in the fruits of this victory.

It was a dazzling quarter-mile opening relay by Stevenson which paved the way for the Oxford triumph. Stevenson went to the front at the gun and sped over the cinders at a rate of speed which brought him to the first touchoff, ten yards ahead of W. J. Marshall, Navy runner, who followed Stevenson's footsteps almost from the start. This opening advantage proved enough to keep the Oxonians in front until Milligan supplied the closing thrill with a 1:55 4-5 half mile on the Anchor leg.

Sprinters of the Navy made frantic efforts to overhaul the Oxonians in the two furlong legs which followed. So did the runners of Georgetown, Harvard, Brown and Pittsburgh, whose teams supplied the opposition. But George Renwick on the second leg and Bob Miller running the third leg showed speed in their relays and held the upper hand.

Milligan started the anchor leg in front, but he was dislodged by Brooks on the first turn and came near falling as the Georgetown lad accidentally jostled in his eagerness to gain the pole. Newhall, the Navy anchor runner, was in tihrd position, right behind Milligan, when the field straightened out for the back stretch of the first lap. In this order the trio ran until the last turn, Brooks fighting doggedly with each stride as he beat off the challenge of Milligan.

Milligan in Great Finish.

The Oxford star was not to be denied. He continued at an increased pace until Brooks finally wilted before the last turn was completed. At the head of the home stretch Milligan passed his rival and then thundered down the straightaway amid the din raised by the crowd, and he triumphed by fifteen yards. Newhall took up the chase when Brooks faltered but was unable to overtake the flying Milligan.

The victory of Higgins in the two-mile individual race was another bright light in this day of brililant athletic achievements. Higgins won as he pleased after giving Morgan, Oxford's representative, plenty of opportunity to show his class. Although the time for the race, 9:42 1-5, was slow, Higgins raced in spectacular manner and closed with a burst of speed. For three-quarters of a mile Morgan set the pace, but Higgins, tiring of the slow pace and advancing speedily from the extreme end of the field, jumped into the lead near the mile mark and held the van position thereafter.

Thompson clung to the heels of the Blue and White runner, but Morgan dropped back steadily. Occasionally Thompson sought to stage a surprise sprint, but Higgins always anticipated these challenges and hit up his own pace accordingly. On the last half lap Thompson made one last desperate effort to pass Higgins, but the Columbia star only called on his reserve and closed the race at a dazzling speed, which gave him victory by fifty yards over his Canadian rival.

Georgetown Team Triumphs.

Georgetown, Penn and Ohio State had a lively struggle in the distance medley relay championship. A cracking three-quarter-mile run o nthe third leg by George Marsters put Georgetown in front after P. Herlihy and Walter Geegan had made frantic but futile efforts to overhaul Ohio State and Pennsylvania in the first two legs. Marsters gave Jimmy Connolly a lead of fifteen yards over Elmer McLane of Pennsylvania to start the anchor relay, in which Kilpatrick, Ohio State runner, started five yards back of McLane.

Connolly quickly increased his lead to twenty yards on the first lap of the closing mile, but McLane gradually overhauled him until the third lap found McLane in front. Connolly and Kilpatrick trailed until half a lap from the finish, when the Georgetown star suddenly broke forth with a speed burst which brought him to McLane's shoulder. Round the last turn the pair staged a battle which did not end until the head of the stretch aws reached, terrific strain, was forced to give u his heroic struggle. Connolly still ha plenty of speed and raced to the finis line with every ounce of his strengt McLane had to struggle hard to kee from slipping into third position.

The pentathlon championship was captured by Charles West, negro all-aroun star of Washington and Jefferson. H finished the five-event test with the lo winning score of 16 points after giving superb exhibition of all-around athlet ability.

West Shows Form.

West was weak only in the discu throw. In this test he had to be conten with ninth position. In the broad jum West finished fourth with a leap of 2 feet 9½ inches. He won the javeli throw with a heave of 167 feet 6½ inche divided first honors with two rivals i the 200-meter sprint, in which his tim was 23 2-5 seconds, and won the 1,500-meter run in 4:48 3-5.

His admirable exhibition gained West the title by a margin of 3 points ove F. F. Moroney of Georgetown, who finished second with 19 points. F. Elkins, Indian athlete of Haskell Institute, who was one of the favorites for the title, finished third with 26 points, and Newtown of University of Florida was fourth with 27 markers. Fifth position went to A. Plansky, Georgetown, who finished with 28 points.

The summaries:

Track Events.

COLLEGIATE.

Sprint Medley College Relay (first man to run 440 yards, second and third men 220 yards and fourth man 880 yards)—Won by Oxford University (England) (Miller, Stevenson, Renwick and Milligan); Navy, second; Georgetown, third. Time—3:32⅕.

Distance Medley College Relay (first man to run one-quarter mile, next one-half mile, third three-qnuarters a[illegible] the last man one mile)—Won by Georgetown (Herily, Geehan, Marsters and Connolly); Ohio State University, second; Pennsylvania, third. Time—10:25.

One-quarter Mile College Relay—Won by Pennsylvania (Lever, Shattuck, Hill and Hamer); Johns Hopkins, second; Chicago University, third. Time—0:43.

Middle Atlantic States Conference A. A. One-Mile Relay—Won by Lafayette College (LeConey, MacDonald, Williams and Kelly); Bucknell, second; Rutgers, third. Time—3:26⅗.

South Atlantic Inter-Collegiate A. A. One-Mile Relay—Won by University of Virginia (Baker, Douglas, Talbot and Barannon); Johns Hopkins, second. Time—3:23. Only two teams started.

Two-Mile International Race—Won by Higgins, Columbia; Thompson, Hamilton College, second; Booth, Johns Hopkins, third. Time—9:42⅕.

440-Yard Low Hurdles—Won by Oram, Union College; R. Chesley, Syracuse University second; W. Geegan, Georgetown University third. Time—0:54 4-10.

SCHOLASTIC.

Inter-Scholastic Medley Relay (first man to run 440 yards, second 220 yards, third 660 yards and fourth 880 yards)—Won by Phillips-Exeter Academy (O'Neil, Keller, O'Connell and Prendergast); Hamilton Collegiate Institute (Ontario), second; Huntington School, third; Lakewood (Ohio) High School, fourth. Time—4:43⅘.

Field Events.

Running Hop, Step and Jump—Won by Hubbard, Michigan, 48 feet 10¾ inches; Rose, Pennsylvania, 42 feet 3 inches; Taylor, Navy, 41 feet 6 1-5 inches, third; Spitalin, New York University, 41 feet 4¼ inches.

Hammer Throw—Won by Tootell, Bowdoin, 174 feet 5 inches; Hamer, Pennsylvania, 143 feet 4½ inches, second; Emery, Princeton, 141 feet 8¾ inches, third.

Pentathlon.

Running Broad Jump—Won by Newton, University of Florida, 21 feet 11¾ inches; Elkins, Haskell Institute, 21 feet 2½ inches, second; Taylor, Navy, 21 feet 1½ inches, third; West, Washington and Jefferson, 20 feet 9½ inches, fourth; Norton, University of Kansas, 20 feet 6½ inches, fifth; Davis, University of Virginia, 20 feet 4½ inches, sixth; Lieb, Notre Dame, 20 feet 4 inches, seventh.

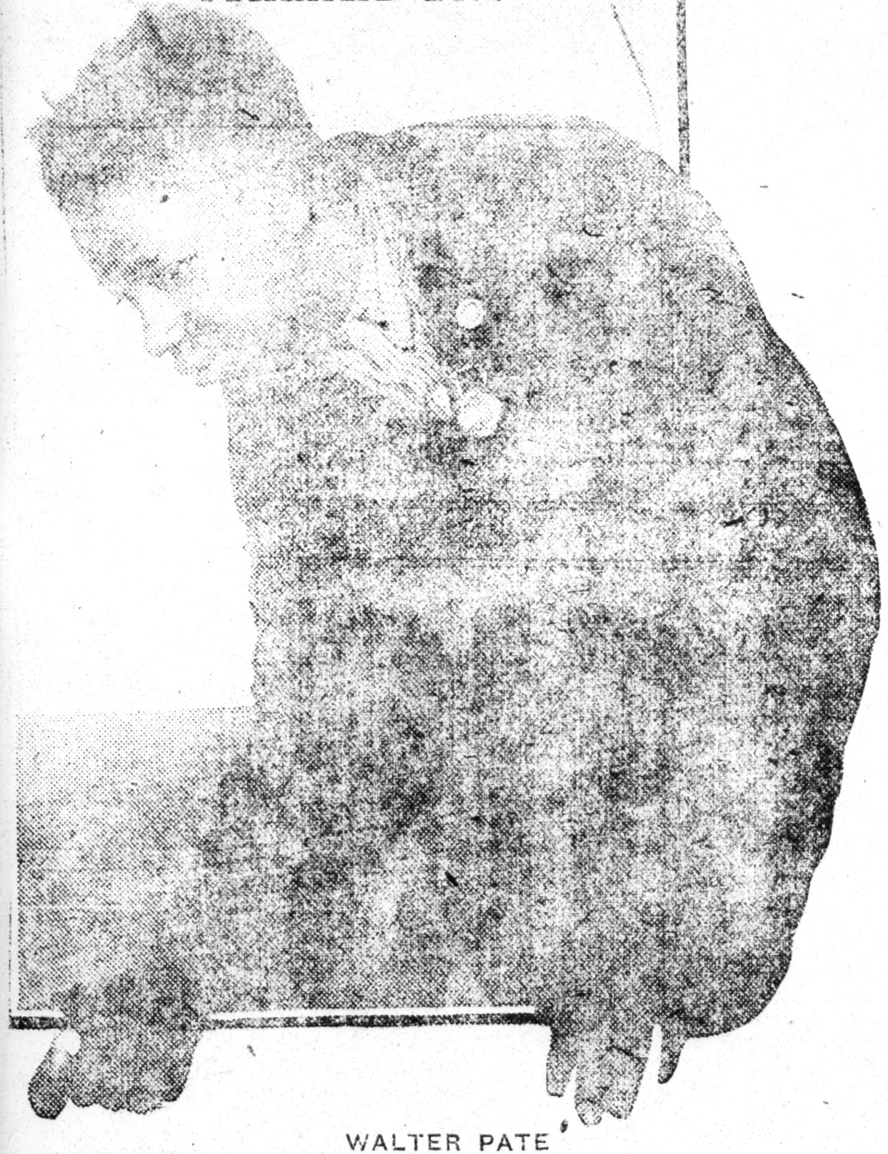
Throwing Javelin—Won by West, Washington and Jefferson, 167 feet, 6½ inches; Betsmer, United States Coast Guard Academy, 166 feet 1 inch, second; Moroney, Georgetown, 160 feet 6¼ inches, third; Davis, University of Virginia, 160 feet 1 inch; Leggett, Navy, 159 feet 2¼ inches, fifth; Plansky, Georgetown, 154 feet 11¾ inches, sixth; Elkins, Haskell Institute, 150 feet 5½ inches, seventh.

1,500-Meter Run—Won by West, Washington and Jefferson; Elkins, Haskell Institute, second; Moroney, Georgetown, third; Plansky, Georgetown, fourth; Newton, Florida, fifth. Time—4:48 2-5.

Discus Throw—Won by Lieb, Notre Dame 122 feet ½ inch; Betzmer, United State Coast Guard Academy, 119 feet ½ inch second; Moroney, Georgetown, 117 feet ; inches, third; Plansky, Georgetown, 11 feet 3¼ inches, fourth; Norton, Kansas 113 feet 11¼ inches, fifth; Davis, Virginia 110 feet 11¼ inches, sixth; Leggett, Navy, 110 feet 7¼ inches, seventh.

200-Meter Run — First, tie between West, Washington and Jefferson; Moroney, Georgetown, and Newton, Florida; fourth, tie between Elkins, Haskell Institute, and Plansky, Georgetown; Leggett, Navy, sixth; Norton, Kansas, seventh. Time—0:23 2-5.

Wins Marble Championship; Will Represent Chicago in Atlantic City for U. S. Title



WALTER PATE

By THE SPORTING EDITOR

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Shooting carefully and with great accuracy, Walter Pate, 2436 Dearborn St., representing the Mosely playgrounds, became "marble champion" of Chicago last week at Grant park, topping over 8,000 boys of all races who entered. Walter has been "shooting nibs" since he was a tot 3 years old. He will represent this city at the national tournament in Atlantic City this summer.

Before we go any farther, Walter's folks are poor. They work, but it takes all they make to meet the landlord, the butcher, the grocer and to send Walter to school. When Walter goes to Atlantic City he will meet the boys of other cities—all champions. Walter is not only representing Chicago, but he will represent the Race. Mauldin Gibbs, physical director of the Mosely playgrounds, will accompany him. Public spirited citizens are asked to contribute to a fund to present Walter with the proper clothes, etc., to make this trip. Money orders or checks to be made out to Phil A Jones, general manager of the Chicago Defender. The list of donors will be published each week. Come on, all you good fellows.

Back to the championship. Of the 8,000 lads, Ben Lewis, representing Stanford Park; Carey Hemmons representing the J. M. Thorpe playground, and a white boy named Pasquale Eannone of the Raster playground came through to the semifinals.

Pate got away with a flying start by winning three games in a row. He scored five to Eannone's three in the first game, three to Eannone's two in the second game and five to Hemmons' three in the third. The final score was Pate, 13; Eannone, 5; Hemmons, 5; Lewis, 1.

All four contestants played carefully, shooting at all times to keep clear of the ring. Pate came through winner because he had a deadly accuracy in picking off the marbles from the edge, lofting all shots and hitting the ducks on the fly.

All winners were treated to a new pair of shoes and stockings by the Chicago Evening Journal. Pate smiled a childish grin when given his medal for first place.

W. and J. Believes West Will Capture Pentath-

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WASHINGTON, Pa., April 28.—Interest in Washington and Jefferson's competition at the Penn relay games next week centers chiefly in the efforts of Charles West, the Negro athlete, who is expected to make a great bid for the pentathlon championship. A year ago West, in his first whirl at the five-event championship, finished third, and had he not been nervous and broken a avelin it is regarded as probable that he would have been second to the great Lependre, as he was beaten out for second place by but one point.

NowLegendre is gone, and while numerous others of note are expected to compete they believe here that West can either win or force the winner to new records. He made Legendre shatter the javelin record to beat him a year ago and forced the Georgetown star to go faster in the 1,500-meter race than Legendre had ever before stepped the distance, and West was running this distance for the first time.

West is a natural sprinter. He went out and took a place on the Washington-Jefferson team in one trial and then went back to his practice for the pentathlon events. He will not run for the Presidents in the relay until next Saturday, so that he should be at his best on Friday when the pentathlon performers have their innings. West has been working for months on the discus throw and the broad jump, his two weak features, and has improved both wonderfully. Captain Alderette will compete in the open 440-yard low hurdles.

The relay team at Penn next Saturday is expected to be one of the best the Presidents ever sent East. Washington-Jefferson will compete in one section of the Middle States group of colleges and will be against the stiffest opposition it has encountered at Franklin Field for a long time. The records made in the preliminaries however, were far above the average and the Presidents are optimistic.

DROPS 3,50C FEET, GETS A SUMMONS

Negro Lands From Plane on Roof in Harlem Black Belt With Parachute of Own Make.

CROWD CHEERS 'MEPHISTO'

Bears Him Off to Hall, Where He Delivers Three Messages—To Be in Court Today.

N.Y. Times
4-30-23

A black man in a flaming red outfit such as Mephistopheles wears on the stage, crimson tights and tunic, dropped out of the sky yesterday afternoon, and landed on top of a three-story tenement at 301 West 140th Street, near the heart of the Harlem negro belt. He had dropped 3,500 feet from an airplane, and had landed unhurt with a parachute.

Thousands of negroes who had been attracted by two noise bombs exploded by the airplane before Mephistopheles jumped, crowded into 140th Street in front of the house. They jammed the street and pressed against the buildings so tightly that they smashed plate glass windows in stores and broke iron railings in front of houses. Four policemen rushed to the scene and handed the aviator a summons charging disorderly conduct, when a group of admiring negroes bore him down from the rooftop.

The aviator was carried in triumph to Liberty Hall, a negro meeting place in West 138th Street, where he made a speech on aviation before an enthusiastic audience of negroes who marvelled as much at his brilliant costume as they did at his daring feat. He told his audience that he had done the stunt partly to demonstrate the parachute, which he had invented himself, and partly to call attention to the fact that a certain department store on 138th Street, now owned by negroes, was in danger of getting into the hands of white men. He urged the negroes to support the present owners, and incidentally to patronize the eye doctor whose card he carried on his shirt front.

Taking off his goggles and helmet, which with short leather leggings were his only articles of attire that did not strike the eye vehemently enough to suggest that he was doing his best for his optical client, the aviator handed reporters a card with the name, "Lieutenant Hubert Julian, M. D., the World's Champion Daredevil Aviator."

"Ah," the reporters remarked, "you are a physician as well as an aviator and army officer?"

"No," replied the negro, who is about 25 years old, "M. D. stands for mechanical draftsman. I am an inventor and draftsman."

The negro said he had learned to fly while serving with a British West Indies regiment in the war and that he had done stunts at Mineola and Garden City. Yesterday afternoon he hopped off in an airplane piloted by Edison McVey, another negro, from a flying field near Newark, accompanied by two other airplanes, which he said were piloted by white aviators.

Julian said he dropped fifteen feet before his parachute opened. He intended to land in a vacant lot, but the wind carried him westward and dropped him on the roof. He was not injured or shaken up at all, he said. He will appear in Washington Heights Court this morning to answer the summons for disorderly conduct.

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JACK JOHNSON BARRED IN ALL STATES

EX-Heavyweight Champion Hard Put To It To Earn a Living In His Old Days

TURNED DOWN IN PENNA.

Afro-American

Other Fighters Suffer Because of Johnson's Loose Methods of Living

12-28-23

Afro Sports Editor

With all his tipsy escapades, Battling Siki can fight in any State in the union which permits boxing. So can Harry Wills, or Kid Norfolk, or any of the other black fighters who have made good.

Not so with Jack Johnson. Pennsylvania's Boxing Commission refused him a license to box the other day, and so has practically every other State in the Union. There never was a question of barring bouts between colored and white fighters until after Jack Johnson's time.

Jack is responsible for the ban on mixed bouts in many States. Joe Gans got all the bouts with whites he wanted in Maryland, and so did Young Peter Jackson, but then Jack Johnson changed all that not with actions in the ring, but outside the ring.

For Jack, wonderful fighter, it must be said that he fought and won like a champion at Reno. There was no criticism of his conduct in the ring. He did nothing to make the most prejudiced ringsider lift a finger, despite all the talk beforehand of what would transpire if he beat Jeffries. It was his speeding in high-powered autos, his white wife and his lavish spending of money which soon got him in wrong with the sporting fraternity.

Norfolk Makes Good

Kid Norfolk is making good, despite the mixed boxing ban. He cashed in in the neighborhood of $30.000 last year. He is the best light-heavyweight in the country but he could have earned twice that much if he could get the other fighters to face him across the squared arena. Greb, Tunney, Gibbons and McTigue would be easy meat for the Kid.

Offered Trainer's License

The Pennsylvania Boxing Commission offered Jack Johnson a trainer's license, declaring he is too old at 45 to fight anymore. This was just a nice way of saying "No" to his request for a boxer's permit. It means, however, that Jack must lay aside the mits, and go to work. He can run a hotel, or a cabaret or engage in some other business, but he cannot fight.

This is tough luck for a fighter who can lick two-thirds of the world's heavyweight crop standing up, but after, all, Johnson has no one but himself to blame.

Wills Given a Big Ovation by N. Y. Fight Fans

The Chicago Defender

By J. LeCOUNT CHESTNUT

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Chicago, Ill.

New York, Aug. 3.—Of the many interesting sidelights on the recent Leonard-Tendler championship bout held in the Yankee stadium, the tumultous outburst of cheering which greeted Harry Wills upon his entering the gates was the outstanding feature of the evening's sport. The cheering, which continued for at least five minutes, clearly demonstrated just whom the public wishes to battle Dempsey for the championship.

To see Harry, more like a big, good-natured boy than like a great heavyweight contender, strolling around the stadium before the "melons" were put on, with stars of the theatrical and sport world trailing at his heels, spoke wonders for his popularity. Rudolph Valentino, movie star of "sheik" fame, was one of the first to greet Wills. Rising hastily from his ringside seat he hurried over to be the first to shake the big challenger's hand. Harry, with his characteristic good-natured, broad smile, returned the greeting. Following in quick succession were Charles F. Murphy, boss of Tammany Hall, George M. Cohan and Sam Harris, theatrical magnates, and Messrs. Stoneham and Ruppert, baseball magnates, not to omit "Gus," the peanut boy. Thousands of others followed in the wake of the "big boy."

All accorded him the honors of a champion rather than the consideration of a challenger. In sharp contrast to this, too, was the real freeze, wished upon Jess Willard, "champion never-was," when he hove in sight, heavy with a broad grin, possibly in recollection of the recent "lemonade collection" of $150,000 garnered from the gate offerings of the gentle dwellers of Manhattan isle for being a punching bag for Firpo.

Willard moved in the opposite direction from Wills, as did Jack "Coins" Kearns, manager of the greatest pugilistic "gold grabber" the world has ever known. Such were some of the interesting bloodless interludes of the Leonard triumph.

Wins New York World Net Title

Chicago Defender

9-29-23

New York, Sept. 28.—Miss Viola T. Dolphie, well known socially in Harlem, had the unique distinction of emerging victorious in the city amateur championship tennis tournament singles for women at Central park early this month over 125 contestants who were all white. The tournament was held under the auspices of the New York World. A Miss Duffy, graduate of Cornell university, was runner-up. A solid gold medal was given the winner, who becomes the sole owner. The championship carries for one year.

Miss Dolphie

Miss Dolphie was born in Corpus Christi, Tex.; is a graduate of Fisk university, and attended Columbia university, this city. She has played the game for five years, including her attendance at Fisk. At present Miss Dolphie is employed in the clerical department of the Council of Women for Home Missions at 156 Fifth Ave., and lives at the Y. W. C. A. 136th St. and Seventh Ave.

Pennsylvania Boxing Body Puts Ban on Mixed Bouts

N. Y. Times

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 10.—The State Athletic Commission announced today that mixed boxing bouts would not be sanctioned in Pennsylvania. Chairman William H. Rocap said that "it was not deemed prudent nor for the best interest of the sport at this time to have negroes and whites meet in ring combat." Clubs ignoring the commission's announcement, he said, may have their licenses revoked. The commission also announced that the Dominion of Canada Boxing Federation, which has a working agreement with the Pennsylvania Commission, having suspended "Soldier" Horace Jones for two months from Nov. 15 for an unsatisfactory match at Quebec, Jones was automatically suspended in Pennsylvania until Jan. 15. The commission further announced that it had fined "Rough House" Ware $50 for an unsatisfactory showing in his bout with George Godfrey. The fine was sent to the State Treasurer.

12-11-23

Grand Rapids Young Man Wins City Tennis Championship in Severe Test of Skill on Boat and Canoe Club Courts.

Michigan State News, Grand Rapids, Mich.

IS PRESENTED WITH BEAUTIFUL LOVING CUP

Grand Rapids—Roger Grant, 19 year-old high schol graduate, is the 1923 champion tennis player of Grand Rapids. The championship was won by defeating J. D. Macpherson last Saturday on the courts at the Grand Rapids Boat and Canoe club.

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Under the most severe test the sturdy young athlete proved himself the master of the game and the superior of his opponent by brilliant flashes of play throughout the entire game. Under a blazing sun and before a not over-enthusiastic audience who would have preferred the laurels to have rested on the brow of another, young Grant displayed a fine knowledge of the game and a strong and well-balanced physique in a real sportsmanlike manner. Grant employed much the same tactics against Macpherson as he did successfully against Dr. W. H. Thwaites on Friday, lobbing the ball to the baseline so that his opponent was unable to "kill" at the net. Knowing that he was in the pink of condition, Grant adopted a plan of action that was exceedingly hard on his opponent. He played deep in the court, forcing Macpherson to do all the fast footwork at a pace which sapped his strength speedily.

The play during the first set was very cautious, both men striving constantly for a position that would enable short drives over the net. The second set which went to Grant by a score of 7-5, was one of the hardest fought battles of the match. Grant's strong back hand was his best asset in this set. Macpherson was at his best in the third set, which he won with a score of 6-1. After this set came a ten-minute rest interval.

Eight games were played in the four sets. Macpherson won the first and fifth, while Grant took the others with ease. In the end it was a generous and sportsmanlike gallery that greeted the players and through the fine playing of the new champion they became for the most part more interested in the game than in personalities. When the umpire announced Grant the winner, his opponent, Macpherson, was the first to offer congratulations. The modest champion calmly accepted the congratulations offered him and quietly left the court to receive the congratulations of his mother and intimate friends who were in the galleries.

ROGER GRANT

Young Grant is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Grant, old and highly esteemed residents of this city. The new champion is a fine specimen of the coming generation. He is a high school graduate with an enviable record as a student as well as an athlete. Much of his knowledge of the game that has made him a city champion was gained on the city tennis courts where he has been a familiar figure for the past few seasons.

Grant is of the modest, well balanced type of young man, capable of winning honors and pleasingly representing the group to which he belongs in athletic circles of the city.

Famed W. & J. Star Wins National Pentathlon Title At Penn Relays

DeHart Hubbard, Western Entry, Sets New Course Record in Hop, Step and Jump—Colored Athletes Show Wonderful Form—Lincoln Wins From St. Bonaventure and Geneva

The Pittsburgh Courier 5-5-23.

By W. ROLLO WILSON

FRANKLIN FIELD, PHILADELPHIA, May 3.—From the cinders and sand and dust of this historic stadium a new hero has sprung. Another champion has arisen to stride the path where once Jim Thorpe, "Nig" Berry, Bob Le Gendre were supreme. Charley West wears the bay leaves of a champion, pentathlon victor, national all-around premier.

Unheralded, unsung, conceded not even an outside chance the Washington boy fought his way from a bad start to the front rank. Norton, of Kansas, the favorite, was so badly beaten in the three first events that he was eliminated. Only Moroney, of Georgetown, pressed West to the end.

With the 1500 meters race as the last event of the pentathlon West was leading Moroney by one point and it was up to him to beat out the Georgetown giant. With the crack of the gun the five survivors were off and Charley led the pack every inch of the way with Elkins, the Haskell Indian, and Moroney fighting it out for second place.

Twenty thousand voices acclaimed West the king of the meet as he breasted the tape with yards to spare. Here was no partisan feeling, but the generous out-pouring of commendation for the best man. Color was forgotten; ability only counted.

Friday was a great day for the so-called inferior races. One of the hardest fighters in the pentathlon was Elkins, an Indian from Haskell.

De Hart Hubbard broke the existing carnival record for the hop-step-and-jump, clearing 48 feet, 4½ inches, 6 feet more than Dorsett, of Penn, the runner-up. The best previous mark was 47.10, made by Overbee, of Illinois, in 1917.

Philadelphia Central High school's mile relay team was composed of four colored boys — Bell, Liver, Patchen and Seitchik. They finished third in their event.

The Grammar School Relays again saw our boys making names for themselves. The following schools were victors in their groups: Harrison (Dunlap, Powell, Saxon, Summers), Brooks (Clifford, Dorsey, Anderson, Primson), Childs, Durham (Minor, Parnell, Allen Burbage).

Oxford Wins Sprint Medley

Bill Milligan, captain of Oxford University, won the final leg of the sprint medley, although hard pressed by Newhall, of the Navy. The British captain proved himself one of the gamest runners in the meet.

Morgan, of Oxford, finished a bad fifth in the international two-mile run.

Penn created a new record in the one-quarter mile relay by defeating Johns Hopkins and Chicago. The time was 43 seconds flat.

Lincoln Leads

Lincoln University won Event No. 33 a one-mile relay, in 3.33. Strickland, a Philadelphia Central High boy, running third, was six yards behind the leaders when he entered the home stretch. Speeding like a scared antelope, he ate up the big lead and gave Webb, Anchor, a three-yard margin. The Chester county team included McBrown, Hailstock, Strickland and Webb. St. Bonaventure was second and Geneva third.

With Charley West running anchor, W. & J. won the Middle Atlantic States Class B championship. Haverford was second and Dickinson third. Wash.-Jeff. did the mile in 3:32 2-5.

Bates College nosed out Howard and Brown Universities in their class, being forced to exceptionally fast time, 3.26 1-5, to win. The Washington runners were Bridges, Wyndon, Craft and Robinson.

De Hart Hubbard broke no records in winning the broad jump, 23:10¼. Rose, of Penn, was runner up and Goodboy, of New York University, and Reed, of Brown, were tied for third.

The outstanding event of the Saturday meet was the two-mile relay, won by Penn State in a driving finish over Oxford. A world's record of 7:55½ was made. Capt. Milligan, of Oxford, was thirty yards behind Helffrich, the Penn flash, when he received the baton. The determined Briton made a game fight to head the champion, but it is a question if he could have held his own with him had they started even.

West's Victory Is Surprise of Meet

PHILADELPHIA, May 3.— The tremendous surprise of the first day of the Penn relays came in the pentathlon when Charlie West, the colored athlete, star fullback of Washington and Jefferson, overturned the dope of winning two firsts, tying for first in the 200 meters and getting fourth in the broad jump.

Thirteen starters in the pentathlon struggled all afternoon for mastery, and at the end a colored man and an Indian raced down the stretch at the finish of the 1,500 meters, stride for stride, and the wonderful Negro from Washington and Jefferson outlasted the tiring Haskell redskin.

Pitt was hopelessly outclassed in the one-mile run, Columbia winning with ease. Gerald Allen ran a wonderful quarter.

Jimmy Moore, of Penn State; Monk, of Brown; Slaugh, of Temple; Byrd, of Lincoln; McLean, of Lincoln; Anderson and Young, of Howard, were other Negro athletes who participated.

PENTATHLON RESULTS

Broad Jump—Won by Newton, Florida, 21 feet 11 inches; second, Elkins, Haskell, 21 feet 2⅛ inches; third, Taylor, Navy, 21 feet 1½ inches; fourth, West, W. & J., 20 feet 5⅛ inches; fifth, Norton, Kansas, 20 feet 6½ inches; sixth, Davis, Virginia, 20 feet 4½ inches; seventh, Lieb, Notre Dame, 20 feet 4 inches; eighth, Loehler, Lafayette, 20 feet 1½ inches; ninth, Moroney, Georgetown, 19 feet 10½ inches.

Javelin Throw—Won by West, W. & J.; second, Betzmer, U. S. Coast Guard; third, Moroney, Georgetown; fourth, Davis, Virginia; fifth, Leggett, Navy; sixth, Plansky, Georgetown; seventh, Elkins, Haskell; eighth, Tryon, Colgate; ninth, Lieb, Notre Dame; tenth, Taylor, Navy. Distance of winner—167 feet 6½ inches.

200 METERS—Won by tie between West, W. & J.; Newton, Florida; Moroney, Georgetown; fourth, tie between Elkins, Haskell, and Plansky, Georgetown. Time of winners— 23 2-5 seconds.

Discus Throw—Won by Lieb, Notre Dame; second, Betzmer, U. S. Coast Guard; third, Moroney, Georgetown; fourth, Plansky, Georgetown; fifth, Norton, Kansas; sixth, Davis, Virginia; seventh, Lochler, Lafayette. Distance of winner — 122 feet 1½ inches.

1500 METERS—Won by West, W. & J.; second, Elkins, Haskell; third, Moroney, Georgetown; fourth, Plansky, Georgetown; fifth, Newton, Florida. Time—4 minutes 43 3-5 second

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NATIONAL TENNIS PLAY STARTS ON PRAIRIE COURTS

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Chicago, Ill.

The opening play of the American Tennis Association's seventh annual championships started Monday morning on the grounds of the Prairie Tennis Club, 32d St. and Vernon Ave., and will continue throughout the week ending Aug. 25, when the finals of the men's singles and the women's singles will be played in the afternoon. It is expected by close followers of the game that Edgar Brown, present national champion and winner of the New York state title two weeks ago; E. Saitch, a 19-year-old New York wizard, runner-up to Brown in the Empire state play; Dr. O. B. Williams of Chicago, R. A. Toney of this city and Ted Thompson of Washington will be in the semi-finals and that Brown and Williams or Saitch will meet in the finals Saturday.

The finals of the woman's singles will probably narrow down to a hot fight, a repetition of last year's battle in Philadelphia, between Miss Isadore Channels of Chicago, present national champion, and Mrs. Lottie Wade of New York City, who was runner-up to Miss Channels last year in the national play. Both of these women will have some competition on their hands before they reach the final round, and a number of upsets are looked for toward the last of the week.

The play Tuesday was stopped on account of the downpour Monday night and early Tuesday morning, making it necessary to take some of the play to Washington Park Wednesday, Thursday and Friday in an effort to clean up in the mixed doubles, women's doubles, junior singles and men's doubles.

The failure of Tally Holmes to come west caused him to be censured by both tennis players and fans. It has been rumored that the Washington gentleman stayed away because he feared he would be beaten before he reached the semi-finals. If this report is true, the sportsmanship of Holmes is questioned severely.

In the early play H. A. Wortham of Detroit surprised the gallery by causing Dr. Owen B. Williams of Chicago to go three sets before the match was decided. Another surprise came when Sam Harris stopped Prof. E. B. Spriggins of New Orleans, 6—3, 6—3. Spriggins was handicapped by an injured hand and could not grip his racquet tightly. J. Taylor and J. Shannon had a hot fight in the opening round, while J. E. Stamps, wielding a wicked racquet, disposed of W. E. Wilkins of Chicago, 6—4, 6—2. M. Goff of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was outclassed by Dr. McGriff of Portsmouth, Va., losing two love sets. Goff was expected to put up a better showing, but the Virginian was too much for the university lad.

In the opening play of the women's singles matches the winners lived up to their reputations.

The results of the play after round one will appear in next week's issue. The Chicago Daily News trophies go to the winners in the women's doubles, the Chicago Evening American trophies to the winners in the men's doubles, the B. F. Ziff trophy to the women's singles champion (one leg), the Roosevelt State Bank trophy to the winner in the men's singles (one leg), the Liberty Life Insurance Company trophy to the winner in the men's singles (one leg). The McCard, Hoage, Defender, Binga State Bank and other trophies, for winners in various events and runners-up, are on display at Stovall & Hudson's. A dance and reception to players and delegates is scheduled for Thursday night and a banquet Saturday. Baltimore is likely to get next year's play. The summary:

MEN'S SINGLES, ROUND ONE

Ted Thompson, Washington, defeated George Hill, Montclair, N. J., 6—0, 6—3; John Taylor, Kansas City, defeated J. Shannon, Cincinnati, 6—1, 4—6, 6—3; L. Spooner, New York, defeated L. Watson, St. Louis, 6—1, 6—1; Russell Smith, Chicago, defeated L. Granger, Newark, N. J., 7—5, 6—2; F. B. Hinds, Louisville, defeated Dr. O. H. Hawkins, Chicago, 6—1, 6—1; Sam Fielding, Chicago, defeated Dr. N. A. Diggs, Chicago, 0—6, 6—3, 6—1; A. L. Jackson, Providence, R. I., defeated G. Blackman, New York, 6—4, 6—2; B. M. Rhetta, Baltimore, defeated R. E. Slaughter, St. Louis, 6—3, 6—0; E. Saitch, New York, defeated T. Hawkins, Chicago, 6—1, 6—1; W. L. Keene, Louisville, defeated W. G. Ewell, Chicago, 6—3, 6—3; Dr. McGriff, Portsmouth, Va., defeated M. Goff, Howard university, Washington, 6—0, 6—0; Dr. A. Johnson, Washington, defeated B. H. Heard, Wilberforce university, 6—2, 6—2; J. E. Stamps, St. Louis, defeated W. E. Wilkins, 6—4, 6—2; Sam Harris, Chicago, defeated E. B. Spriggins, New Orleans, 6—3, 6—3; L. Avery, Toledo, defeated Dr. M. M. Dillard, Chicago (default); Felix Payne, Kansas City, defeated W. I. Walker, Chicago (default); Ben Martin, Chicago, defeated R. E. Clements, Washington, 9—7, 7—5; A. D. Dillard, Chicago, defeated L. E. Johnson (default); Dr. Owen B. Williams defeated H. A. Wortham, Detroit, 6—1, 7—9, 6—2; J. H. Martin, Indianapolis, defeated W. J. Johnson, Chicago (default); C. W. Hunter defeated W. J. Powell (default); A. Woolridge, Washington, defeated W. Smith (default); W. D. Dent, Chicago, defeated Dr. J. H. Plummer, Chicago, 6—1, 3—6, 6—4; R. A. Toney, Chicago, defeated F. A. Slaughter, 6—2, 6—3; Dr. C. L. Wilson, Chicago, defeated Dave Radcliffe, 6—2, 6—3; C. Smith, Indianapolis, defeated C. C. Wimbush, Atlanta (default); J. G. Walls, Chicago, defeated E. E. Hicks, Chicago (default); Dr. B. M. Rhetta, Baltimore, defeated R. E. Slaughter, Chicago (default); H. O. Turner, Chicago, defeated W. Lovett, Chicago (default); Prof. L. Leonard, Pine Bluffs, Ark., defeated S. Johnson, Chicago, 2—6, 6—2, 6—2; Ike Rivers, Frank Young, Edgar Brown and several others moved into the second round by drawing a bye.

WOMEN'S SINGLES, ROUND ONE

Miss Polly Rickman, Cleveland, defeated Mrs. B. Tolliver, New York, 6—1, 6—1; Miss G. Norman, New York, defeated Mrs. Hazel Jones, Chicago, 6—3, 6—3; Miss Isadore Channels, Chicago, defeated Mrs. J. B. Stallsworth, Chicago, 6—1, 6—4; Mrs. L. V. Junior, Philadelphia, defeated Mrs. L. Saunders, New York, 6—1, 6—2; Miss Dorothy Radcliffe, Chicago, defeated Mrs. Grace Outlaw, 6—0, 6—1.

EARL JOHNSON WINS MARATHON AT DETROIT

Chicago Whip

(Preston News Service)

DETROIT, Mich., Sept. 27.—Running under severe handicaps, Earl Johnson, national five-mile champion, sped along to a brilliant victory here Saturday afternoon, when he won the 22-mile Detroit News Marathon in two hours and nine minutes, exactly eight minutes better than the former record, set by himself two years ago. In winning, Johnson secured a second leg on the handsome $300 trophy to be given the first person winning the race three times.

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Johnson ran under a severe handicap, being forced to cut his shoes almost to ribbons in the eleventh mile.

DeHart Hubbard, University of Michigan star, won the individual trophy, getting firsts in the broad-jump, 100-yard dash and the hop, step and jump events

Sports — 1923.

University of Chicago Sprinter Declared To' Be Faster Than Chas. Paddock

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.

DETROIT, Aug. 30.—Albert Washington, the University of Chicago sprinter, who ran 100 yards in 9 4-5 seconds in the Central A .A. U. games staged at Detroit last week, is considered the fastest runner in the world today by Tom Eck, veteran trainer of the Maroon track team.

Eck believes Washington is faster from 50 to 100 yards than is even Charles Paddock, holder of world's sprinting records.

Washington is the only sprinter to run 100 yards against the wind in 9 4-5 seconds. He has done this twice, once in Chicago and again in the Central meet. Such time against the wind is the equivalent to about 9 5-10 seconds under ideal conditions.

The Chicago sprinter holds records for 50 yards of 5 2-5 seconds and of 7 1-5 seconds for 70 yards.

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Washington gets the most out of his speed through his ideal form which is far superior to that of Paddock and other star sprinters. He is entered in the national championships at Stagg Field, Chicago, the latter part of this month and is just about certain of winning the national 100-yard crown.

A COLORED WRESTLER WHO CAN'T FIND AN OPPONENT

Afro American

Edward Geerd, Black Giant Strong Man, and Native of Holland, Calls on Afro Sports Editor

Baltimore, Md.

Although Battling Siki came to town last week in the wake of considerable advertising, he was not permitted to completely absorb the limelight as sole dusky representative of Europe.

10-5-23

On Thursday there breezed into the Afro office a tall very dark, very straight and very muscular gentleman with a score or more pictures and placards under his arm looking for the Sports Editor.

In conversation with the caller who spoke English with some trace of accent, we learned that his name was Edward Geerd, that he was a native of Armsterdam, Holland, where he was born and where his family still lives and that his vocation, avocation, forte or profession however he regards it is that of giant strong man and wrestler.

Mr. Geerd showed us many poses of himself in the act of juggling weights, holding pianos on his chest some of which totaled a weight of one thousand pounds. In Holland, he said, every man went in for strong man stuff from lifting tremendous weights to bending great iron bars with the bare hands.

In the front rank of these mighty men, Geerd held his own for his weight (152 pounds.) In wrestling he was also in the front rank. Since coming to this country, he had not wrestled any because there were no colored wrestlers ,and white men would not meet him.

He has been in this country about two years and has been doing his strongman stunts in the South and West. He also took up boxing some time ago and says that he has had many workouts with George Godfrey whom he praised highly. Geerd says he has engaged in nine bouts since taking up boxing and won eight of them.

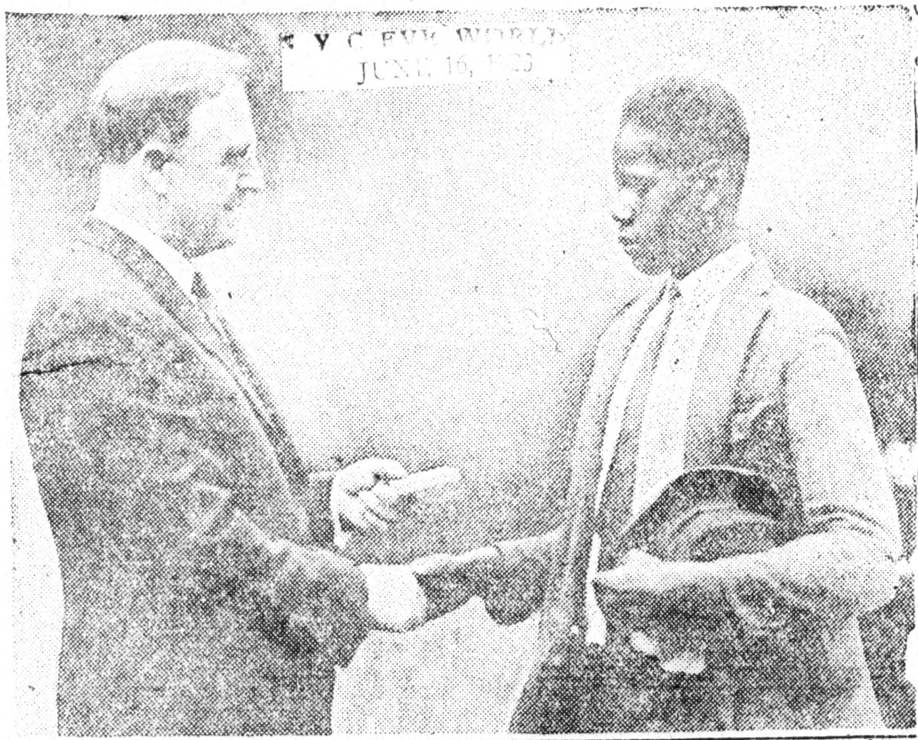
Thinks Light Of Siki

We asked him what chance in his judgment would Siki have that Godfrey. He has never seen Siki box, but he did not hesitate to say that the bout would be a walk-away for Godfrey as he was much too large for the Senegalese.

We then asked what chance did he think Kid Norfolk would have with Siki. He was quite certain that Norfolk would also dispose of the Senegalese. Geerd met Siki while in Baltimore for the first time, and was not greatly impressed with the Battlers public conduct. This may have influnced the judgment of the swarthy Hollander somewhat.

There was one thing that Geerd agreed with Siki on and that was failure to understand the color line in this country and how colored people could live here and seem content under it. In Holland, Geerd said nobody ever thought of color, every man associated with his companions of his social strata whatever their color. He dropped the hint that he would be shortly shaking the dust of the U. S. A. off his heels.

LEROY BROWN IS CROWNED CHAMPION MARBLE SHOOTER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MAYOR HYLAN PRESENTING LEROY BROWN WITH EVENING WORLD MEDAL —EMBLEMATIC OF NEW YORK'S MARBLE CHAMPIONSHIP—

Brooklyn Negro Boy, 14, Wins City Title and Evening World Gold Medal.

WINNING the city marble-shooting championship wasn't anything more troublesome than consuming a juicy slice of watermelon for Leroy Brown, a tall fourteen-year-old Negro from Brooklyn. The realization of victory was something entirely different. Accepting Mayor Hylan's congratulations and The Evening World gold medal the stunned youth, hat in hand, could only answer "Yas-sir."

Brown earns the right to represent New York in the national tournament at Atlantic City late this month against thirty-nine champions from all sections of the United States.

The local title was decided late yesterday afternoon when borough winners gathered around a special shootin' ring in front of the City Hall. A big crowd of youths and many oldsters who were just as interested followed the progress of the match and particularly encouraged the efforts of the lengthy Negro boy who seemed oblivious to everything except the importance of knocking marbles out of the arena.

Francis D. Callatin, Commissioner of Parks, was honorary referee. He was flanked by many city officials, while soon after the start of hostilities Mayor Hylan stopped work to view the battle of "nibs."

The seven finalists were survivors of preliminary rounds that attracted an original field of over 40,000 hopeful candidates from both sexes. They were Eugene Reilly and Julius Doktor, Manhattan; Leroy Brown and Frank Rotundo, Brooklyn; Bill Coburn, Richmond; Harry Worsnop, Queens; Jacob Neidich, Bronx.

Flanked by a small group of playground directors who acted as scorers, the youthful contestants wasted little time getting busy. Drawing for position the shooting order was Coburn Doktor, Rotundo, Reilly, Worsnop, Neidich and Brown.

Coburn, the lame winner from Staten Island, received generous applause when he cleverly sent his shooter into the centre cluster of "nibs." Each took his first aim without scoring a "kill." A big No. "seven" pinned on the back of Brown caught the attention of the crowd. It was an omen of what was to ultimately happen, especially when the Negro won the deciding match with 11 points.

Rotundo, shooting steadily, scored the first point and then marbles began rolling out of the eleven-foot circle, all fair hits from eagle-eye marksmen. The contest hadn't gone far when Brown caught his stride. Aided by a tremendous reach the colored boy worked in and out of the middle bunch and connected with the target from every range. He was easily the star of the opening match. The results were: Brown 15, Coburn 12, Reilly 10, Rotundo 6, Doktor and Worsnop each 2 and Neidich 1.

Manhattan made its big bid in the second game which Reilly won with a lot of skillful lefthand shooting. He was seldom out of range of the centre group and made few miscues. The scores were: Reilly 10, Worsnop 9, Brown 7, Doktor 4, Neidich 1, Coburn 0.

With the lead divided between Brooklyn and Manhattan the Negro star became invincible in the third match and peeled off long shots that frequently brought cheers. Overcoming Rotundo the lanky Brown flashed quickly to the front and won with a total of 11 points. Rotundo had 7, Coburn 5 Reilly 4, Doktor 3, Worsnop 1 and Neidich 0. The final standing was Brooklyn, first; Manhattan, second Richmond, third.

The new champion, dolled up in a big felt hat, knickerbockers and white canvas shoes, looked more than his fourteen years. Despite his unusual height Brown, however, is still very much of a kid. Marbles is his favorite sport. He has been playing them for four years. Leroy lives at No. 33 Bridge Street and is a pupil in Class B sixth grade, P. S. No. 5.

Each finalist received a silver medal from The Evening World. Playground winners will get bronze medals that will be distributed early next week.

NASHVILLE TENN. TENNESEEA
NOVEMBER 7, 1923

THE THOUGHTS OF A NEGRO ATHLETE, jotted down on a piece of paper jus before he participated in "the real colleg game of my life," are worthy of wide circulation. John Trice was his name, and h was a member of the Iowa State College football team. He was injured in the game wit Minnesota on October 6, and died two day later. Part of his creed reads: "The hono of my race, family and self is at stake. Everyone is expecting me to do big things. I will My whole body and soul are to be thrown recklessly about the field tomorrow. . . . Be on your toes every minute if you expect to make good." That last line hits the spot. It is a policy that is practiced by successful men of all races. We have to be on our toes every minute in this age if we expect to make good. Trice died trying to make good. That is a good way to die.

RACE MAN WINS CHAMPIONSHIP

BREAKS RECORD IN AUTOMOBILE TIRE CHANGING

Changes Tire In 29 Seconds, Lowering Previous Record of 32 1-2 Seconds, Winning Title From Kennedy.

BEATS ENTRANTS FROM THE U. S. AND CANADA

Journal & Guide
5/26/23
Norfolk Va

Memphis, Tenn.—Another Negro World Champion has been discovered in the person of Walter Thurman, employed at the Fourth Street Plant of the Newsum Tire Company.

Thurman is champion tire changer. He won the title in competition at Akron, Ohio, Saturday, according to a telegram received by his employers this week.

The tire changing contest was held under the auspices of the National Tire Association and at the plant of the Instant Tire Service Company at Akron.

Contestants were entered from all parts of the United States and Canada. Thurman changed a single tire in 29 seconds, breaking the 32 1-2 second record held by Kennedy, whom he displaces as champion.

Six assorted tires, large and small, in 5 minutes and 29 seconds, putting the tires on the rims and inflating them, ready to ride in the time mentioned.

He has been a tire changer for the Newsum Company for about ten years.

COLORED BOY WINS NEW YORK MARBLE CHAMPIONSHIP.

The Louisville Leader
6/23/23

New York, June 18 (K. N. F. Service)—While Mayor John F. Hylan and other notables looked on Leroy Brown, a fourteen-year old colored lad, won the city marble shootnig contest, Friday afternoon in City Hall Park. Young Brown was Brooklyn's entry in the championship contest. Boys were entered from Staten Island, Queens Manhattan and the Bronx.

Elimination contests were held in each of the five boroughs of the city. Brown and the other boys who competed were winners in their respective sections of the city.

The winner in Friday's contest will represent the City of New York in the national contest to be held in Atlantic City the latter part of this month. In addition to this Brown will be given a free sight-seeing trip to Washington, D. C.

MICHIGAN CAPTURES N. C. A. A. TRACK TITLE

Winning Total of 31 Greatest in Three Years' History of the Game.

STANFORD NEXT WITH 14.5

Brookins Sets World's Mark of 0:23 9-10 in 220 Low Hurdles Around One Turn.

COLLEGIATE RECORDS FALL

N. C. A. A. Figures Eclipsed in Broad Jump, Pole Vault, Hammer and Shotput at Stagg Field.

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CHICAGO, June 16.—Michigan's Maize and Blue squad won the third annual National Collegiate Athletic Association's track and field championship on Stagg Field today with a total of 30.2 points. The winners were officially credited with 31 points, the fraction not being used except to decide places on close scores.

Michigan's total was greater than ever had been gathered before in the three years' history of the games. California won last year with 28⅛ points and Illinois took the team leadership in 1921 with 20¼.

Leland Stanford was second with 14.5 points. Iowa and Johns Hopkins tied for third with 14 points each and Penn State was next with 13.5. Illinois and Mississippi A. and M. had 13 each and the University of Southern California had 12. Chicago was next with 11 1-10.

Following Chicago the teams finished in this order: Kansas State Aggies 8½, Kansas State 8, Wabash 8, Notre Dame 7 1-10, Grinnell 7, Bowdoin 5, Kansas State Teachers 4½, Northwestern 4½, Purdue 4, Minnesota 4, Kalamazoo State Normal 4, Maryland 4, Wisconsin 3⅜, Miami University 3, Texas Aggies 3, Georgia Tech 3, Hamline 3, Washington University 3, New York University 2 1-10, Texas 2, Y. M. C. A. College Chicago 1¾, University of Washington 1⅜, Baylor 1, Nebraska 1, Detroit ½, Wesleyan ½.

New World's Record.

Walter Brookins of Iowa established a new world's record for the 220-yard hurdles around one turn in the first heat trials. His mark of 23.9 seconds was three-tenths of a second faster than his old world's record of 24.2, established earlier this year. Taylor of Grinnell was a close second to Brookins. He tied the old world's record around one turn.

Brookins won the final in the 220-yard low hurdle by putting up a second new world's record for the event in a single hour. His time was 0:23 6-10 around one turn. The latest record will not be recognized because he knocked over a hurdle.

De Hart Hubbard of Michigan established a new national collegiate record in the brod jump at 25 feet 2 inches—one inch short of the world's record made by Gourdin in 1921.

McKowan of Kansas State Teachers' College and Brooker of Michigan broke the N. C. A. A. record in the pole vault. They tied for first place at 13 feet even, against a record of 12 feet 6 inches in 1922 by Norris of the University of California and Landowski of Michigan.

Fred Tootell, Bowdoin's master in the hammer throw, established a new N. C. A. A. record in the event at 168 feet 6 inches. The old record was by Merchant of California last year at 161 feet 4 inches.

Shot-Put Mark Excelled.

Norman Anderson, University of Southern California, broke the N. C. A. A. record in the shot-put preliminaries, putting the sixteen-pounder 46 feet 8 inches. The old record was 45 feet 4½ inches, made by Pope of Washington State in 1921.

Following a protest by Coach Templeton of the Stanford team on the judges' decision in the third heat of the 440-yard trials yesterday, it was announced today that Williamson, Stanford's star quarter miler, would be permitted to run in the finals of that event today. The protest was on a close decision in which Bates of Chicago was awarded a place in the finals over the Californian.

Cochran, however, led the field by ten yards for the whole distance in the 440-yard run. He won the event last year also.

The final in the 100-yard dash was won by Clarke of Johns Hopkins. His time was 0:09 9-10, a tie with the N. C. A. A. record.

The summaries:

TRACK EVENTS.

100-Yard Dash—Won by Clarke, Johns Hopkins; Tykle, Purdue, second; Whittman, Michigan, third; Brookins, Iowa, fourth; Anderwert, Washington University, fifth; Campbell, Stanford, sixth. Time—0:09 9-10. Ties national C. A. A. record.

220-Yard Dash—Won by Wilson, Iowa; Clarke, Johns Hopkins, second; Erwin, Kansas State Aggies, third; Anderwert, Washington University, fourth; Wittman, Michigan, fifth; Seiberling, Wesleyan University, sixth. Time—0:21 9-10.

440-Yard Run—Won by Cochran, Mississippi A. & M.; T. Smith, Kalamazoo State Normal, second; Sweet, Illinois, third; Fitch, Illinois, fourth; Williamson, Stanford, fifth; Martz, Southern California, sixth. Time—0:49 2-10.

120-Yard High Hurdles—Won by Riley, Kansas State Aggies; Leistner, Stanford, second; Taylor, Grinnell, third; F. Johnson, Illinois, fourth; Hubbard, Michigan, fifth; Brickman, Chicago, sixth. Time—0:15 2-10.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—Won by Brookins, Iowa; Taylor, Grinnell, second; O. Anderson, Southern California, third; Leistner, Stanford, fourth; Frazier, Daylor, fifth; Riley, Kansas State Aggies, sixth. Time—0:23 6-10. A new world's record not allowed because winner knocked down one hurdle.

One-Mile Run—Won by Enck, Penn State; Robbins, Wabash, second; Brandes, Hamline, third; Schneider, Wisconsin, fourth; Krogh, Chicago, fifth; Telford, Northwestern, sixth. Time—4:27 4-10.

Two-Mile Run—Won by Booth, Johns Hopkins; Crippen, Northwetsern, second; Isbell, Michigan, third; Bourke, Chicago, fourth; Phelps, Iowa, fifth; Tschudy, Wisconsin, sixth. Time—9:32 2-10.

Half-mile Run—Won by Helffrich, Penn State; Hattendorf, Michigan, second; Enck, Penn State, third; Reese, Texas, fourth; Morrow, Iowa, fifth; Reinke, Michigan, sixth. Time—1:65 5-10. A new national C. A. A. record.

FIELD EVENTS.

High Jump—Won by Poor, Kansas; R. Smith, Michigan; Weekes, Notre Dame; Weatherdon, New York; MacEllven, Michigan; Dickson, Chicago, tied for second. Height—6 feet 1 inch. Others, 5 feet 11 inches.

Broad Jump—Won by Hubbard, Michigan; Van Arsdale, Wabash, second; Perry, Miami, third; F. Johnson, Illinois and P. Anderson, Southern California, tied for fourth; Calison, University of Washington, sixth. Distance—25 feet 2 inches, a new National C. A. A. record.

Shot-put—Won by N. Anderson, Southern California; Beers, Maryland, second; Keen, Texas Aggies, third; Arthur, Stanford, fourth; Gross, Minnesota, fifth; Seager, Detroit Junior College, sixth. Distance—46 feet 8 inches. New National C. A. A. record.

Discus Throw—Won by Lieb, Notre Dame; Gatchell, Mississippi A. & M., second; Arthur, Stanford, third; N. Anderson, Southern California, fourth; Gross, Minnesota, fifth; Frieda, Chicago, sixth. Distance—143 feet [illegible] inches.

Hammer Throw—Won by Totell, Bowdoin; Hill, Illinois, second; Hindes, Michigan, third; Ludeke, Stanford, fourth; Schmidt, Michigan, fifth; Palma, Penn State, sixth. Distance—175 feet 1 inch. A new national C. A. A. record.

Javelin Throw—Won by Frieda, Chicago, 193 feet 6 inches; Prieter, Mississippi A. & M., second, 189 feet 9½ inches; Welchel, Georgia Tech., third, 187 feet 9½ inches; Schjoll, Minnesota, fourth, 184 feet 8½ inches; Hartley, Nebraska, fifth, 178 feet 3 inches; Schildhauer, Illinois, sixth, 176 feet 9¾ inches.

6/17/23

Jack Johnson to Meet Billy Miske in Newark

Courier - 9-1-2

NEW YORK, Aug. 30. — Jack Johnson, former world's heavyweight champion, will meet Billy Miske at Dreamland Park in Newark, on September 10, according to an announcement last week by a Newark athletic club. The bout will be for 12 rounds, no decision.

Pittsburgh Pa

This will be Johnson's first fight of any importance since he lost his title to Jess Willard.

CHARLES WEST PAID A GLOWING TRIBUTE

The St. Louis Argus.
12-21-23
St. Louis Mo.

Preston News Service.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 21.—The following tribute from the Waynesburg Collegian to Charles West, W. & J. College's famous Colored athlete, is one deserved by the athlete, who ranks as the greatest all-round performer ever developed in Washington and Jefferson college, it follows:

"Into the dark pages of history passes another football year; passes disastrous and successful football teams; passes battered and broken-down athletes, and most of all passes criticism, whether to be constructive or destructive, which has played so great a part in portraying the athletic achievements in college circles. Every collegiate paper is upholding its own stars who have put away their respective moleskins. But I doubt very much if there has ever been an athlete who brought his brilliant college career to a more illustrious close than Charley West of Washington and Jefferson.

"Regardless of prejudice and personal feeling along the line of racial distinction in college athletics, we must all be unanimous in one thing, and that is West is one of the stellar football players in the collegiate league. It was West who outsprinted three of W. Va. U.'s interferers and overtook the fleet Nardacci in his sensational dash for a touchdown. It was West who so skillfully handled W. V. U.'s punts. It was West who so intercepted the Mountaineers' pass and snatched a possible chance for a score from the Morgantownites and it was West who outguessed and outdashed W. V. U., when with the count of fourth and ten against him, he sprinted from about the 15-yard line to the two-yard line and made possible a W. & J. victory. This is just a miniature portrait of the triumphant climax of West's college activities.

"Stop for a minute and consider this marvelous athlete. In the first place, he is the holder of many scholastic records. Secondly, he is the present Pentathlon king, one of America's proudest rewards to its athletes. And last, regardless of criticism and sentiment, West is All-American football caliber in the minds of any individual who has watched West throughout his college career.

"To West goes the honor of being a refined gentleman, a clean sportsman and one of America's best athletes. What a fine honor and where is there an American boy today that would not be proud of such a characteristic reputation."

Sports — 1923.

Johnson, Gourdin and Hubbard Enter Big A. A. U. Meet in Chicago

Former Harvard Star to Come Out of Retirement While "Earl" Will Protect 5-Mile Honor—Michigan Athlete Expected to Furnish Stiff Opposition

Pittsburgh

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 30—Athletes of national and international prominence, American and intercollegiate champions forming one of the greatest gatherings of stars ever held in Chicago, will be here this week to compete in the National A. A. U. junior and senior track and field championships to be held on Stagg field Friday and Saturday and next Monday under the auspices of the Illinois A. C.

A number of the performers already are here and have been training on Stagg field, but starting tomorrow teams and individuals will start to arrive and will be quartered at south side hotels located within walking distance of the field, which will be the scene of plenty of activity for the next eight days at least.

Pittsburgh, Pa.

Struggle for U. S. Titles.

Not only will the athletes strive to gain recognition from the committee which will have charge of selecting the American team which will compete in the Olympic games in France next summer, but they will struggle for the undisputed American championship in their respective events. In most cases stars who won the titles in the same set of games held at Newark last year will be on hand to defend their honors, but they will meet with stiff competition by many who have shown vast improvement in the last year.

9-1-23

This year's championship meet has caused several well known athletes to come out of retirement. Among these is E. O. Gourdin, the former Harvard athlete, who holds the world's record in the running broad jump at 25 feet 3 inches. Gourdin, however, will meet with stiff competition from De Hart Hubbard, the dusky skinned athlete of the University of Michigan, who has come within an inch of breaking Gourdin's record.

R. E. Johnson, of Pittsburgh, will be in Chicago early this week to resume training for the five-mile run. Johnson won the championship last year and in the east is regarded as the best man over the distance. Earl Thomson, the former Dartmouth hurdler, who won the title last year, will not be eligible for this year's meet. Earl has turned professional, and a number of well-known timber toppers are entered to fight it out for the vacant title.

De Hart Hubbard, of the University of Michigan, will be a sure contestant in the running broad jump, which he won in last year's championships.

Negro Jockey Downs King of Spain in Classics.

Chicago [illegible]

Paris, July 6.—Bahadur, a French bred horse owned by Leon Mantacheff, a Russian, and ridden by the veteran colored American jockey Wi[illegible]d of Kentucky, today won the President of the French Republic stakes of 200,000 francs at the closing af the metropolitan racing season at St. Cloud. Bahadur paid his backers 14 to 1.

Contrary to the Grand Prix de Paris, where racing, today's contest was a strictly business and big betting affair.

King Alfonso of Spain had to be content with third place in the race. His 4-year-old, Ruban, ridden by Lucien Lyne, American jockey, finished behind Zariba, owned by Marcel Boussac. The few remaining adherents of the Bourbon dnyasty bet heavily on the Spanish King's horse.

Steve Donohue, who flew from England to ride Kefalin, last year's grand prix winner, arrived at St. Cloud a few minutes before the horses went to the post, but the three times winning jockey in the Epson Derby could do no better than finish in ~~the rut with~~ his mount.

JACK JOHNSON TO FIGHT IN MEXICO CITY.

(By A. N. P.)

Havana, Cuba, June 16.—Jack Johnson, accompanied by his private secretary, Ed Kreger, will leave Havana for the United States on Saturday, en route for Mexico City, where he will stage two fights. His opponents have not yet been named, but will probably be Andreas Balsa and Sam Langford.

The Dallas Express

Kansas City Kan.
6-16-23

Johnson met the Havana boxing commission and stated his case in an attempt to recover payment of the $500 he was fined for stalling in the contest with Jack Thompson last Sunday. Johnson says he had to confine his effort to .... infighting as Thompson would not stand up and fight at longer range, longer range, and asks for a medical examination of Thompson in order to show the punishment he received. Thompson was also fined $500 on the same charge.

EDGAR BROWN GETS SUSPENSION FROM TENNIS ASSOCIATION

The Freeman

CHICAGO, Sept. 1.—At a special meeting of members and delegates of the American Tennis association August 25, following the banquet given by the Prairie Tennis club to the visiting players and officers of the association, Edgar G. Brown, winner of the national title in the men's singles for the past two years, was suspended "for the good of the association."

9-8-23

Brown, it is alleged, has been unsportsmanlike on the courts during the national tournament just ended and other tournaments and the action though svere, came after a motion was made to suspend him for one year, prohibiting him from taking part in any interclub, intercity, sectional or national tournament sanctioned by the American Tennis association. Delegates voted solid against the champion. The decision was reached only after it became plain that unless Brown was severly dealt with the association would be wrecked, as all officers as well as players present were ready to hand in their resignations. The action prohibits Brown from entering the next national tournament, to be held in Baltimore.

Indianapolis Indiana

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Harry S. McCard of Baltimore president of the American Tennis association. It was also voted that every club belonging to the association would get a notice of Mr. Brown's suspension, that he would be notified in writing and that at the end of the year he would be reinstated only after he had written an apology to both Dr. David I. Hoage of New York and Dr. Wright of Baltimore. In the meantime Brown is allowed to retain both title and cup.

Kearns Wants Jack to Meet Wills Labor Day

BY JACK KEARNS.

Special to The Chicago Daily News.

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Shelby, Mont., July 6.—Harry Wills next. That's the program I have in mind for Jack Dempsey. Harry Wills and a showdown with the New York promoters. Several of them want the Dempsey-Wills match. I leave here immediately to thrash matters out w'th them. I want the Wills match for Labor day. The public has wanted it for a long time. I see no reason why it cannot be staged in New York or in New Jersey. Tex Rickard wants to put the match on. So does Tom O'Rourke. Some others of less prominence have made me offers, and good ones. I shall decide soon after I get to New York which to accept.

Tex Rickard, I understand, has announced he will make Dempsey an offer for the winner of the Willard-Firpo bout. I am ready to listen to that. But Wills must come first. Tommy Gibbons' showing against the champion entitles him to another match. Doubtless the return bout will appeal to the eastern promoters. I am prepared to discuss such a bout.

Dempsey satisfied the world that he can travel over a distance when he stepped fifteen rounds of fast boxing against Gibbons Wednesday. There seems to be some criticism of the champion because he did not stop Gibbons. I do not see why that should be. Perhaps I should explain that Dempsey acting on my instructions, went along looking for the one "shot" that would have brought Gibbons down. I did not want to send the champion charging after Gibbons from the jump because there was always the chance that Dempsey, after his two years out of the ring, might weary himself with his own efforts. Dempsey did not get the "shot" and so Gibbons stands out today as the one man whom Dempsey did not knock out among all his opponents since he became a figure in the heavyweight class.

Dempsey would have stopped Gibbons had he cut loose and tore at him from the start. [illegible] were disappointed, of course, that he did not, but perhaps it was better for all concerned to know that Dempsey could go fifteen rounds and finish strong. The whole world knows there is nothing wrong with the champion, and it also knows that Tommy Gibbons is entitled to lots of credit.

Sayles, who was paid $75 for losing, put in a claim for $1,000, probably for injuries to his feelings. Architect Keane, who built the arena, said he wanted his money as well as the contractor, and Kearns had to make a statement to the state commission. He said there was a tendency to regard the losses as a joke, but it was tragedy to some of the Shelby people. He had no fear but that the bills would be met.

Kearns is lucky. He gets his entire purse and the picture rights for over 37 per cent and the pictures are in demand because it was a long fight.

Gibbons Shoots Firecrackers.

Tommy Gibbons, who was out shooting fire crackers with his boy last night, was abroad yesterday in good spirits. He said it was a right cross to the jaw which dazed him in the first round. He had a blue mark around the right eye.

Jimmy Delaney said Tom Gibbons was hurt when he went through the ropes. A right to the jaw and a left hook to the kidneys were the punches that hurt Tom. Delaney says Tom landed a left hook to Dempsey's stomach in the fourth which hurt him. Delaney, one of his sparring partners, thinks Gibbons would be a cinch against Dempsey again. So the talk starts for another battle.

Out here they think Willard will beat Firpo by means of his powerful uppercuts. Firpo is a long sharp shooter who never knows just where his blows are to land, New York men say. Willard appears to have impressed them with his tremenduous hitting power.

One bunch of newspaper men got into their sleeper last night and expected to be half way across Montana in the morning. When they opened the curtains and looked out they gazed on the fight arena in Shelby. Somebody had forgotten to hook them on an outgoing train.

Eastern League Solons Hold Final Session; Award Winner Prize

Pittsburgh American
Pittsburgh, Pa.

Commissioners, James J. Keenan Charles P. Spedden, Thomas Jackson Alexander Pompez, Nat. C. Strong and Chairman Ed. Bolden, forming the governing body of the Mutual Association, met at the Y. M. C. A. in Philadelphia, Sept. 29th, and proceeded to wind up business matters of the first season they have operated as an organizd body.

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The league season was voted officially closed and the Philadelphia Hilldale Club, declared the pennant winner. Provision for a suitable championship emblem to be secured and presented to the winners at a later date was passed unanimously, the trophy to be in the form of a pennant that will naturally be raised when the Philadelphia entry opens their next season.

While the present circuit members

have all announced their intentions of standing pat for the 1924 campaign, the Commissioners voiced their opinion to the effect that if suitable cities within the radius of the present circuit should seek franchises in the Association, the officials will look favorably upon an eight club circuit for next year.

Already applications have been received from three near by cities that have shown prospects of being good baseball towns, the matter has been tabled as future business to be acted upon at the annual meeting in Dec.

FINAL LEAGUE STANDING

	W.	L.	P. C.
Hilldale	32	17	.653
Cuban Stars	23	17	.575
Brooklyn Royal Giants	18	18	.500
Bacharach Giants	19	23	.452
Lincoln Giants	16	22	.421
Baltimore Black Sox	19	30	.388

Connie Mack's Athletics Lose Game to Hilldale

Pittsburgh American

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Nov. 2.—Ed. Bolden's Hilldale Club, Champions of the Eastern Colored League and also Philadelphia City Champions achieved their greatest victory of the year yesterday at Hilldale Park, when they defeated Connie Mack's Philadelphia Athletics, of the American League in a hard fought pitcher's battle by the score of 3 to 1. Bob Hasty, one of Mack's six foot righthanders was opposed to Phil Cockrell, the ace of Manager Bolden's staff and although the Major Leaguers outhit Hilldale, they could not bunch their hits except in one inning, when they scored their lone tally. In the meantime, Hilldale's efforts to dent the American Leaguers defense when hits meant runs gained them the verdict, Santop and Mackey sending in the three runs between them.

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The Athletics scored first Hauser opened the second inning with a single to left. Welsh hit the first of his doubles sending Hauser to third, from where he scored when Briggs gathered in Galloway's sacrifice fly in right field.

Hilldale evened it in their half of the third. Warfield doubled, was sacrificed to third by Mackey and scored on Santops out. In the 6th, Briggs was hit by a pitched ball, sacrifice to second by Warfield and scored when Mackey doubled to left. In the 8th, Warfield opened with a single, was sacrificed to second by Mackey, stole third; and scored on Santop's sacrifice fly to Welsh.

Pretty plays abounded during the game with Warfield and Allen pulling the most spectacular one.

HILLDALE

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Briggs, rf.	1	0	4	0	0
Warfield, 2b.	2	2	3	2	0
Macey, ss.	0	1	2	1	0
Santop, c.	0	1	7	1	0
Thomas, lf.	0	0	3	0	0
G. Johnson, cf.	0	1	2	0	0
J. Johnson, 3b.	0	1	1	2	0
Allen, 1b.	0	2	5	0	0
Sockrell, p.	0	0	0	2	0
Total	3	8	27	8	0

ATHLETICS

	R.	H.	O.	A.	E.
Matthew, cf.	0	1	3	1	0
Bruggy, c.	0	1	6	1	0
Walker, lf.	0	1	0	0	0
Hauser, 1b.	1	2	9	0	0
Welsh, rf.	0	3	2	0	0
Galloway, ss.	0	0	3	2	0
Riconda, 3b.	0	0	1	3	0
Scheer, 2b.	0	0	0	1	0
Hasty, p.	0	1	0	3	0
Rowland,	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	9	24	11	0

Athletics	010	000	000	—1
Hilldale	001	010	01x	—3

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WILLS KNOCKS OUT SMITH IN SECOND ROUND OF BATTLE

Negro Challenger Floors Numerously Man Who Went the Limit With Firpo.

Harry Wills, Negro challenger for Jack Dempsey's crown, knocked out Homer Smith of Kalamazoo after two minutes and six seconds of fighting in the second round of a scheduled ten-round bout at the Queensboro Stadium, Long Island City, last night.

Smith's performance was that of a young man very much rattled. He made only a feeble attempt to fight off the Negro terror.

Smith went to the floor five times in the first round, and he went out for good after hitting the canvas three times in the second round.

Wills never had an easier victory. He seemed to be in splendid condition, but Smith went away so quickly that Wills's true form was not shown.

A capacity house saw the men match fists. As a fight it was a disappointment, as Smith found the going too hard and fast. He was game enough but couldn't swap punches with the powerful black for a minute. It will take a tougher man than Smith to determine just how good Wills really is at present.

Wills worked coolly and hit hard and with deadly effect.

Wills missed a left lead to the body as they came together Smith missed a hook for the head. Wills rapped Smith with both hands to the body as they rushed to close quarters.

Wills floored Smith with a body punch and Smith held his groin and complained of foul. Smith was up at nine and in quick succession body punches brought Smith down four times. He was up after the fourth knockdown but slipped down for the fifth time without being hit. The first two times Smith went down he took a count of nine. The third time down he didn't take a count, but was up at once. He went to the floor for the fifth time without being hit and the referee warned him not to do it again.

The second round had hardly started when a right to the chin dropped Smith for a count of nine. He was up and then floored for good with a right to the jaw as he came in bent over low. He was counted out as he grovelled on the floor.

The Queensboro Stadium never saw such a crowd. At 7.30 thousands reached the unreserved sections, only to find a full forum of early birds already on the roost Hundreds of Wills's own race turned for home utterly downcast at being denied the privilege of seeing their idol. We'll say right now that the jam through which we wormed our way was big enough to have repeated the attendance figures of the opening game of the World's Series

The lucky reserved seat holders came just on the moment as usual, but any man who "made" that gate can pat himself on the back Mounted cops rode the crowd down without fear or favor in an effort to make a way for those who actually had tickets to show the doormen.

Luck was with the promoter as usual, the night being balmy and ideal for an open air fracas. Paddy Mullins, Wills's manager, stood guard at the big front door and beamed all over at the prospect of at least seeing Wills earn the winter's coal

The first boxers to appear were Tony Sacony of Brooklyn and Owney Pisano of Coney Island Pisano got the verdict at the end of four rounds. Eddie Clifford and Ray Campbell in a six-round followed. It was a hard bout all the way, both taking a deal of punishment. Campbell got the decision.

The first of the ten-round bouts brought out Gussie Pearlstein and Jack Walsh It wasn't a particularly fast fight for the first few rounds and the crowd gave the lads the rawsberry good and plenty

Pearlstein and Walsh fought a draw. Silent Puryear and Joe White were to have fought following this bout, but clouds loomed up and a rainfall threatened to spoil the fun, and the main event was ordered on

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SPORT COMMENT

By WILLIAM E. CLARK

Local football fans were given a surprise on Saturday, October 6, when the Amherst eleven held Columbia to a scoreless tie. Despite the superior coaching of P. D. Haughton Columbia has not as yet lived up to the hopes and expectations of its host of followers in the city. Its line is doing exceptionally well but the backfield, with Captain Koppisch out of the game with injuries seems to be unusually weak. Although Jackson, Columbia's colored guard, has not proved himself a star he is a plugger and one of the strongest men on the line.

New York Age N.Y.

In Saturday's game, Amherst was represented by a colored boy, Charles Drew of Washington, who plays left end. Drew is a former Dunbar High School star and played a brilliant game. He was unusually fast in getting down under punts, a deadly tackler and good on catching forward passes. There were two other colored boys with the squad, but neither of them got into the game. Ben Davis, jr., of Atlanta, Ga., was out because of injuries received in the game of the previous week. The other colored member was a local boy, Gilmer former DeWitt Clinton track star.

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The most interesting man in the Amherst team was F. D. ("Doc") Newport the colored trainer. "Doc" Newport, as he is affectionately called by members of the team, has been connected with Amherst for thirty-six years. He was born in that vicinity and became assistant trainer for the baseball and football teams soon after leaving public school. He has been trainer for more than twenty years and his work has met with the approval of the various coaches Amherst has had during that period. "Doc" is also well known by prominent Amherst graduates and ex-students in all parts of the country, including President Calvin Coolidge.

WASHINGTON AND HARRISBURG MAY JOIN THE EASTERN LEAGUE

Afro American

Commissioners of the Mutual Association of Eastern Colored Baseball Clubs are scheduled to hold their second annual meeting, Saturday, December 8th, in Philadelphia

In the short existence of a single year the association, with the advantage of being operated on a mutual basis and by men who have made history in Negro baseball in the East, has been warmly received by an appreciative public and a marked degree of contentment is evidenced among the players.

12-7-23

IMPORTANT BUSINESS TO BE THRESHED OUT, INCREASE OF PRESENT CIRCUIT TO BE CONSIDERED.

Having wiped clean the slate of all business details relative to the past season at a prior meeting, the welfare of the organization for the coming year will be in order.

All of the clubs that composed the circuit last season will be represented and the possibility of increasing the league to eight clubs will be considered, already several applications for franchise have been submitted to the secretary, with Harrisburg and Washington conceded to have the edge.

Stronger clubs and "tougher sleding" for the winner of the 1924 bunting is assured by the fact that several of the clubs have signed up some of the brightest luminaries in colored baseball. Many of the league players are now playing in the Cuban Winter League.

COLORED WOMAN WINS CITY TENNIS TITLE IN NEW YORK TOURNEY

The New York Age

Miss V. T. Dolphie of the Colored Branch Y. W. C. A., 200 West 137th street became the amateur New York City Champion in the women's singles of the city tournament at Central Park on Saturday afternoon, September 8. Miss Dolphie defeated Miss Duffield, who had held the title for some time. The new champion was the only colored contestant out of 125. She is a native of Texas and is a graduate of Fisk University.

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New York, N.Y.

HUBBARD WON AGAIN

BROAD JUMPED OVER 25 FEET

The Guardian

At the National Collegiate Association Games held June 15 and 16, L. Hubbard, Michigan's Negro point maker, set a new record of 25 ft. 2 in. in the broad jump, bettering by 13 inches the former distance made by LeGendre of Georgetown in 1922.

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Boston Mass.

The new N. C. A. A. mark is within one inch of the world record of E. O Gourdin of Harvard, made in 1921.

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Texas Colored Base Ball League.

Official Playing Schedule Season, 1923

The Dallas Express 5-5-23 Dallas, Texas

	BEAUMONT	DALLAS	FORT WORTH	GALVESTON	HOUSTON	SAN ANTONIO	SHREVEPORT	TULSA	
Beaumont	**Read**	June 8, 9, 10	July 14, 15	May 19, 20 Aug. 4, 5, 6	June 23, 24, 25	May 27, 28, 29 Aug. 18, 19, 20	May 12, 13, 14 Aug. 25, 26, 27	June 17, 18, 19,19	28 Abroad 23 At Home 51
Dallas	July 1, 2, 3	**The**	Aug. 4, 5	June 23, 24, 25 July 28, 29, 30	Sept. 9, 10	Sept. 14,15,16	Aug. 10, 11, 12	May 27, 28, 29	22 Abroad 33 At Home 55
Fort Worth	Sept. 14,15,16	June 2, 3, 4 July 4, 4, 5, 8	**Dallas**	May 27, 28, 29	May 19, 20 July 28, 29, 30 Sept. 14.15,16			May 5, 6, 7 June 23, 24, 25 Aug. 10, 11, 12 Sept. 9, 10	25 Abroad 23 At Home 48
Galveston	May 5, 6, 7 July 7, 8, 9 Sept. 1,2, 3, 3	June 17, 18, 19, 19 Aug. 25, 26, 27	May 12, 13, 14	**Express**	Aug. 10, 11, 12	June 2, 3, 4 July 1, 2, 3	July 14, 15		29 Abroad 22 At Home 51
Houston	June 2, 3, 4	July 14, 15 May 12, 13, 14	Aug. 25, 26, 27	July 4,4, 5 Aug. 18, 19, 20	**For**	May 5, 6, 7 Aug. 4, 5, 6 Sept. 3, 3, 4, 5	June 17, 18, 19, 19 July 21, 22		30 Abroad 23 At Home 53
San Antonio	July 4,4, 5 Aug. 10, 11, 12 Sept. 9, 10		June 17, 18, 19,19 July 21, 22		June 8, 9, 10 July 7, 8, 9	**All**	May 19, 20	Aug. 25, 26, 27 May 12, 13, 14	27 Abroad 27 At Home 54
Shreveport	July 28, 29, 30 Sept. 14,15,16	May 5, 6, 7 Sept. 1,2, 3, 3	Aug. 18, 19, 20	June 8, 9, 10 Sept. 9, 10	May 27, 28, 29 July 1, 2, 3	June 23, 24. 25	**Sporting**	July 4, 4, 5, 8 Aug. 4, 5, 6	29 Abroad 21 At Home 50
Tulsa		May 19, 20 July 21, 22 Aug. 18, 19, 20	June 8, 9, 10 Sept. 1, 2	Sept. 14,15,16		July 28, 29, 30	June 2, 3, 4	**News**	18 Abroad 27 At Home 45

:-: Nailed in His Tracks :-:

Atlanta Constitution, 11-11-23, Atlanta, Georgia

Photo by Mathewson & Price, Staff Photographers.

Fentress, star fullback of Virginia Union, is here shown in one of his attempts to rip the line of Atlanta university in the game Saturday afternoon between these leading colored teams.

The Washington Tribune

JACK JOHNSON HAS NEW MANAGER

New York, Aug. 10—Jack Johnson has signed up with a new manager and plans to force Harry Wills into the ring with him. The former champion is now being chaperoned by Gene Sennet, who is a business associate of Billy Gibson.

Sennett will call on Tex Rickard in a few days and ask the Madison Square Garden promoter to stage a match at Boyle's Thirty Acres before the weather gets too cool for comfort outdoors.

8-18-23

Johnson has resumed training at Madison Square Garden gymnasium for his encounter with Erminio Spalla, the Italian heavyweight champion, whom he is to meet at Dreamland Park in Newark. September 6.

B. T. HARVEY GIVES ANNUAL REVIEW OF FOOTBALL IN THE SOUTHEAST

Urges Need of Southeastern Intercollegia Body; Picks All-Southern Eleven.

ALL-SOUTHEASTERN ELEVENS

FIRST TEAM—		SECOND TEAM
Clay, Atlanta Univ	R. E.	Cooley, Alabama State Normal
Hall, Alabama State	R. T.	Kitchen, Tuskegee
Cromwell, Kentucky State N.	R. G.	Gennings, Tuskegee
Williams, Morehouse	C	Perry, Fisk
Cooke, Morehouse	L. G.	Riley, Atlanta
Irving, Morehouse	L. T.	Reeves, Atlanta
Luneford, Fisk	L. E.	Webber, Talladega
Nesbit, Tenn. State Normal	H. B.	Kelley, Morehouse
Johnson, Fisk	H. B.	Spencer, Talladega
Stevenson, Tuskegee	F. B.	Wililams, Atlanta
Lockhart, Morris Brown	Q. B.	Hutt, Morehouse

HONORABLE MENTION—

Stephen, Morris Brown	Ends	Archer, Morehouse
Long, Fisk	Tackles	Dansby, Tuskegee
Leak, Atlanta	Centers	Tadlock, Tuskegee
Goodwin, Fisk	Halfbacks	Colton, Morris Brown
Collum, Atlanta	Fullbacks	Jordan, Morehouse
Moore, Ala. St. Normal	Quarterback	

BY B. T. HARVEY

(Director of Athletics Morehouse College)

Pittsburgh Courier

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 13.—When I came south in the fall of 1916 to teach and coach at Morehouse College, I found in existence a loosely constructed southeastern Intercollegiate Athletic Association, having as nominal members: Fisk, Talladega, Knoxville, Tuskegee, Clark, Morris Brown, Atlanta and Morehouse. Since that time even this more or less nebula organization has ceased to function in spirit or name, its last feeble efforts being in the form of questionnaires sent out last year by Mr. Holloway, of Talladega College. 12-18-23

Never before has there been so many apparent needs of an Intercollegiate Athletic Association in this section of the country, as during the past season. Let me mention a few things this Association could do, that would have been of great help during the past season to contesting teams and the general public.

1—The certification and appointment of competent officials.

2—Review of decisions on technical points. 12-15-23

3—A definite and accurate assignment of the championship in all branches of sports.

4—Standards of eligibility and rules concerning migratory students.

5—Investigation of rumors of poor sportsmanship on the part of home teams toward visitors.

6—Uniform contracts and strict adherence to same.

Therefore, as a result of these observations and personal conference, I wish to suggest that the athletic representatives of the following schools come together and form a Southeastern Intercollegiate Conference, namely: Alabama State, Atlanta, Clark, Fisk, Knoxville, Morehouse, Morris Brown, Talladega, Tenna. State and Tuskegee Institute.

In line with the above suggestion, my review and selection of players has been based on these teams.

The Southeast considers itself fortunate in welcoming to our midst two new coaches in Abbott of Tuskegee, and Kindle of Talladega. Both of these men brought their teams up to a high plane of efficiency this year, and finally on Thanksgiving, Mr. Abbott secured the edge as to success by defeating Talladega at Talladega 7-0. At the same time we regret to announce that Addison has resigned at Morris Brown and returned to Allen University.

The season itself has been a series of upsets, with all teams showing remarkable defensive strength. On the whole, the teams have shown better training in fundamentals. However, all teams have been guilty of costly fumbles, and inability to hold the ball on forward passes, and when tackled in the open field. The question of champion will be the cause of much debate and four teams can boast of only one defeat—Morehouse, Fisk, Atlanta University and Tuskegee. Morehouse won six games and lost to Fisk 8-0. Fisk won three games and lost to Atlanta University 18-9. Atlanta University won six games, tied Tuskegee and lost to Morris Brown, 7-0, after Morris Brown had been defeated by Talladega and Morehouse. Tuskegee won six games, tied Atlanta University and lost to Morehouse, 6-0. Pick the winners as you will.

Atlanta University was the best defensive team. Morehouse showed the best offensive and variety of attack, and with less fumbling would have presented a clean slate, as every score can be traced directly to an unfortunate fumble. Morris Brown had the best backfield shift and Talladega the best line-shift play. Tuskegee with Stevenson as a triple threat from kick formation showed the team with the best ground gainer from kick formation. Alabama State showed wonderful improvement and will bear watching by all in 1924. Tenn. State did not show to advantage because of injuries and physical conditions of their coach.

The following selection of men has not been made from press report, but from actual observation of players pitted against each other in their respective positions. I have already seen one All-American team with a man on it who did not get in but two games this year. Only one man named has not been seen in action this year and I have decided on him by a process of elimination and observation of coaches of teams who have met him this season. Allow me to say a word before naming the teams this year, concerning men whom I have chosen in other years and are still playing. I am thinking especially of Leek, A. U.; Gales, Morehouse; Long, Fisk; Ross, Tuskegee, and others. I wish to commend them for their valiant attempts to stem the onrushing tide of youth in their respective positions. They have done well, but the old order changeth, giving place to the new.

GOURDIN MAY NOT DFENL PENTATHLON TITLE

The New York News 8-25-23

New York, N.Y.

Ned Gourdin, world's record holder in the running broad jump, does not intend to let anything stand in his way of making the American Olympic team next summer, and he expects to make it as the best broad jumper in the United States. For that reason he will not defend his national pentathlon championship title which he has held for the past two years if the Detroit officials persist in their plans to hold it on September 8, as on that day he is going to compete in the Pre-Olympic games of the Wilco A. A. at the Yankee Stadium, where he hopes to show the athletic world that he is a better broad jumper than DeHart Hubbard, the University of Michigan star, who has cleared over 25 feet twice this year. Gourdin's world's mark is 25 feet 3 inches, and he expects to better his record before the Olympic games next year. He has notified the Detroit officials in charge of the Pentathlon that he will not defend his title unless they change the date.

Albert Rose, of the University of Pennsylvania and Meadowbrook Club, and Paul Courtois, of the New York A. C., are the other crack broad jumpers who will compete against Hubbard and Gourdin in the Wilco games.

COACH DECLINES TO BAR ATHLETE ON PREJUDICE

Norfolk

Virginians Refused To Play Scheduled Football Game Between Washington and Jefferson Because of West

Journal & Guide

OFFICIALS DEFEND COACH'S POSITION

10-13-23

Washington, Pa. Oct. 6—The football game scheduled to be played today between Washington and Jefferson College and Washington and Lee University was officially called off when . . Virginians absolutely refused to play against Charles West, colored star halfback on the Red and Black team.

West has been playing on the Washington and Jefferson team for the past three yeears. He is an all-round athelete and last year won the pantathlon championship at Philadelphia.

WANTS WEST BARRED

Immediately upon the arrival of the Washington and Lee team, Richard A. Smith, graduate manager, protested against West and demanded that he be kept out of the game. He declared that it was one of the traditions of the Southern institution that its athletes should not compete against a Negro.

Coach John W. Heisman declined to bar West from the game. He pointed out that he was a bona fide student and had represented the college in three previous years, this being his final year.

The final decision in the controversy was made by the heads of the two institutions. Dean Harry Campbell, of the Washington and Lee faculty, was informed of the situation by long-distance telephone. He gave instructions that the Virginia team should not play against a Negro athlete. His ultimatum was delivered to President S. S. Baker, of Washington and Jefferson, who upheld Coach Heisman's ruling that West should not be barred.

"I am sorry the unfortunate situation arose," President Baker is quoted as having said. "I respect the tradition which Washington and Lee followed in refusing to play the game, but Washington and Jefferson College is a Northern school with traditions too. It has never made any distinction against color or creed. Charles West, who was the cause of the controvessy, has been one of the beest students in the college for the last three years. He has been an honor to the school both as a student and as an athlete."

PROTEST FROM EDITOR HALTS BOXING IN MINNESOTA.

(By A. N. P.)

The Dallas Express 4-14-23 Dallas, Texas

Minneapolis, Minn., April 14.—All boxing bouts are halted in the state of Minneapolis until the state athletic commission revokes its rules against bouts between white and Colored men, Judge W. W. Bardwell ruled in an order filed with Walter Ryberg, clerk of the Nennepin County district court.

The order came on a petition by Charles Sumner Smith, editor THE MINNEAPOLIS MESSENGER, charging that the athletic Commission in adhering to the rule known as rule 33, forbidding mixed bouts, was violating the fourteenth amendment to the United States constitution granting equal rights to American citizens.

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JUNE 15, 1923

THEY'RE AFTER CITY MARBLE CHAMPIONSHIP

Max Neidich, Bronx

The Evening World medal

Eugene Reilly. Manhattan

Bill Coburn, Staten Island

BOROUGH MARBLE CHAMPIONS PLAY FOR CITY TITLE TO-DAY

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Deciding Contest Will Be Staged in Special Ring in Front of City Hall—Mayor Hylan Will Present Evening World Gold Medal to the Winner.

NO sport contest this season will have more rivalry and snap than the final round this afternoon that will decide New York's marble-shooting championship. The enthusiasm of youth will hit the high spots late this afternoon when title holders from all boroughs will knuckle down around a special ring in front of the City Hall for the decisive match that will determine what proud boy will represent the home town in the national championship late this month at Atlantic City.

Mayor Hylan will be an interested spectator and will present to the winner a gold medal, offered by The Evening World. The finals will be decided in the best of three matches. In case of a tie a play-off will be ordered by the referees, James Mulholland, Supervisor of Park Department Recreation for Manhattan. Points are scored, one for each mib sent out of the ring and two for each opponent's shooter knocked out of the ten-foot arena. The youth with the most points wins the game and to reduce the element of luck the final winner must prove his supremacy in the most number of games won.

Indications point to the hottest-contested marble tournament ever held in New York. If City Hall Park is not jammed late this afternoon it will only be because New York forgets it was once young.

The finalists thoroughly represent the great cosmopolitan population of New York. Brooklyn will enter Leroy Brown, a big strapping Negro lad, of fourteen, who still delights shootin' marbles, despite his unusual height.

Staten Island will send over Bill Coburn, a lame boy who grimly doesn't permit his physical handicap to affect his marble skill. As representative of the Bronx section, Max Neidich came through after considerable tough going.

Harry Worsnop displayed his supremacy in Queens, but the greatest surprise of the borough competition was the outclassing of favorites in Manhattan by Eugene Reilly, a smooth left-handed performer, who flashed the best form seen in any elimination contest throughout the city. When it came down to the Manhattan finals through a field that numbered more than 15,000 at the outset Reilly easily overcame the efforts of Johnny De Pace and Nicky Markoff, outstanding stars, who came

GOVERNOR SMITH AND HARRY WILLS

The New York News, 8-25-23

Governor Smith himself is solely responsible for the impasse in which he finds himself on the heavyweight boxing championship imbroglio. He is not ignorant of the fact that the people of the Empire State of all classes, creeds, conditions and colors, are aware of the fact that a square deal is not being vouchsafed one of the world's great boxing athletes by the Empire State authorities because of his color. He knows further that the State Athletic Commission, a regulatory commission, subject to and controlled by him, is violating the State's honor and its own rules and regulations by this brazen and outrageous policy. He knows that Harry Wills conformed to the Athletic Commission's orders and posted with it one year ago twenty-five hundred dollars forfeit money to insure a contract for a match with the world's champion, Jack Dempsey. The wise Governor of New York knows further that the preliminary articles for the match were signed with the commission which had decreed that champions would forfeit their titles in this state if they did not accordingly live up to such enforced agreements within six months therefrom. Governor Smith knows better than anybody else the notorious policy of camouflage and cowardly evasion which the commission has since adopted in this matter. The wise Governor of New York knows that the State Athletic Commission is permitting Jack Dempsey to openly flout the law and traditions of this state by his proposed agreement to box Luis Firpo prior to keeping his engagement to box Harry Wills.

New York, N.Y.

The eyes of the entire world sees this sad, unjust spectacle in the Empire State in all its hideous aspects, and Governor Smith is aware of it. The stench of this uniust and miserable race discrimination by New York State authorities offends the sense of right and fair play, not only of New York but of the nation and honest mankind the world over. It is not the boxing match itself but the sacred contract and honor of the laws and institutions of this state and country that are at issue, and Governor Smith knows it. It is the question of fair play under state authority for all American citizens that has been brought out into diamond light by the State Athletic Commission's policy of battle dore and shuttle cock with Harry Wills. The Dred Scott policy of the New York State Athletic Commission that a black man has no rights which a white man is bound to respect makes the issue celebrated and forces itself upon the Governor for action. He can not ostrich-like stick his head into the sand of ducking responsibility and because he refuses to see it think that thereby he can shift responsibility. It is an open and shut case which now lies face up before Governor Smith's wide open eyes It is Banquo's ghost that will meet him again at Phillippi when honest voters, white and black alike, will assay his character and convictions and Americanism at the polls in November, 1924. They will know that Muldoon was not fully responsible. They will not think of the color of Harry Wills nor the nature of his equal rights which have been trespassed and which the authority of the state is solemnly sworn to protect, but they will think of the Governor who knew and saw it all and sat supinely by and unworthily shirked his plain duty. The colossal figure of the Democratic Governor and Commoner Al Smith will rise or slink away into the oblivion of time serving, self-seeking straw statesmen on the issue of the Harry Wills outrage.

The question transcends that of pugilism or politics. It is one of right and justice. This is the huge dark shadow that lies today athwart the pathway of Governor Smith and the Democratic party in New York State.

NEW YORK FOR COLORED UMPS

The Washington Tribune 8-25-23

Washington, D.C.

The News, a Race weekly of New York city, has launched a campaign for Colored umpires at Protectory Oval, the home of the Lincoln Giants. The News is to be commended for its stand and here is hoping that the fans will back this movement even to the extent of missing all games until the change is made.

Leroy Brown - Brooklyn

to the front in 1922 tournaments. Reilly not only handles his shooter with the unerring accuracy of a marksman, but combines steadiness and excellent headwork. He should have the best chance of winning the chief trophy this afternoon.

The local tournament was open to all boys and girls under fifteen years of age. In the early elimination matches a few girls won, but they couldn't stand up against the boys when it came time to play the semifinals in the various boroughs.

The Evening World, in order to encourage the development of new talent, offered a gold medal to the city winner, silver medals to borough title holders, and bronze medals to winners of playground contests. These have been a big incentive for competition and to-day's match finishes a tournament that has broken all records for entries throughout the country.

The boy who will be crowned marble king this afternoon, will have all expenses paid for a sight-seeing trip to Washington, and then on to Atlantic City where he encounters city champions from all parts of the United States.

BREAKS OLD RECORD

GERALD ALLEN

The Pittsburg American 6-25

The University of Pittsburgh's half mile record which had been standing for years, was shattered by Gerald Allen, Negro middle-distance star, when he clipped off the distance in the fast time of 1:58:2-5. Last Saturday in the Intercollegiate Tri-State championships Allen ran a close third to Hellfrich, holder of record and Erick, Penn State star, in a 1:57 2-5 heat.

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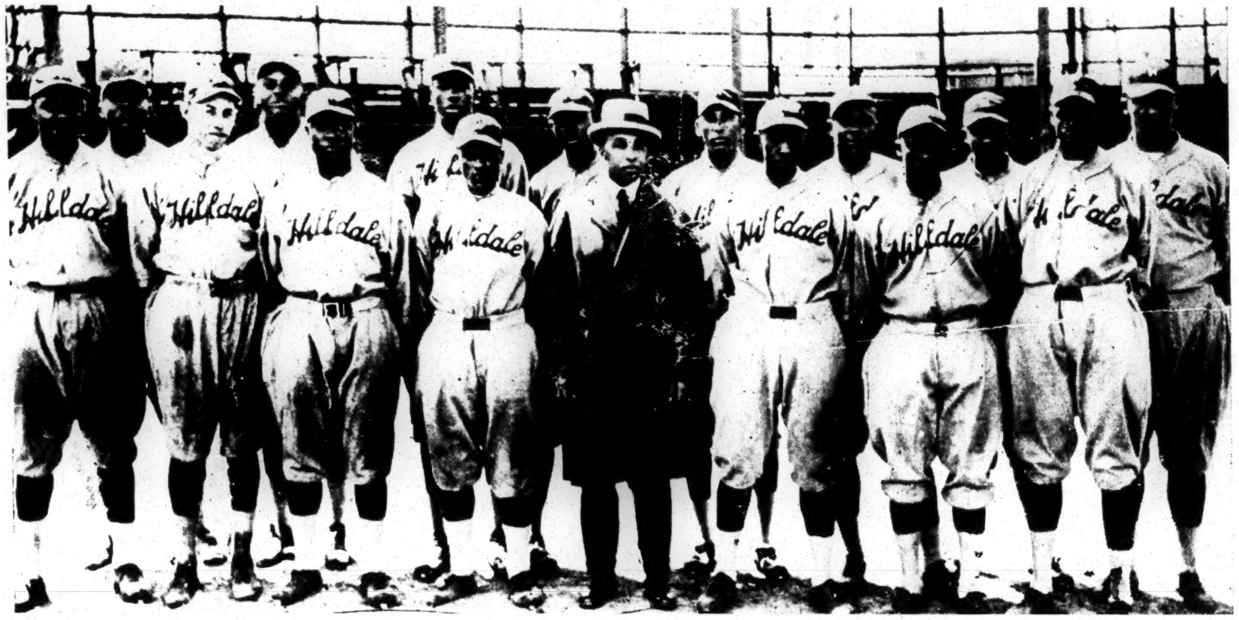
BLACK SUPREMACY IN BASEBALL



Name of players from left to right: Lloyd, ss; Red Ryan, p.; Pud. Flournoy, p.; Clint Thomas, lf.; Bizz Mackey, c.; Jake Stevens, ss.; Nip Winters, p.; Ed. Bolden, Mgr.; Judy Johnson, 3b.; Otto Briggs, rf.; Geo. Johnson, cf.; George Carr, utility; Dave Warfield, 2b.; Tom Allen, 1b.; Strip Lee, p.; Santop, c.

The Messenger

December 1923

Under the leadership of John Henry Lloyd, the Hilldale Club was the best semi-professional Club in the country. During the month of August they were booked for 37 games. Lloyd is now in Cuba for the Winter season.

Bizz Mackey led the Eastern League in hitting, an average of 439; Lloyd, 429, second batter in the League; Pud Flournoy, third, 416; Geo. Johnson, fifth, 413; Santop, eleventh, 370. This average is from the Pittsburg *Courier* of Sept. 8, 1923. They have won 100 games during the past season. They are the Champions of the Eastern League, Phila. Baseball Ass'n. and Delaware County League.

On October 12th, they walloped the Major League All-Stars at Shetzline Park, Philadelphia, Pa., to the tune of 3 to 2. On October 21st, they walloped the barnstorming Philadelphia Athletics, piling up nine runs while Mack's men had to be satisfied with four. The American Leaguers never had a chance. The Negroes pulled three double plays while the celebrated white team was getting ready to attempt a big rally.

And now, who are really the World's Champions?

Who are America's best players? Is there any reason why these Negroes should not play in the big leagues?

SAM LANGFORD IS NO PICKER, SAYS TAD

By TAD.

NEW YORK, July 4.—Tham Langford, our old Tar Baby friend, as you know, is now champ of Mexico, "where peace breaks out occasionally."

We were thinking of old Tham this morning and of what a rotten picker of fighters he is.

Way back in 1910 Tham was out in California watching Jeff get ready for his little quarrel with Jack Johnson. Tham looked Jeff over carefully. He got the inside steer from Bob Armstrong, who was helping Jeff get ready. He watched Jeff box, and he watched Jeff on the road, and he watched Jeff punch the bag.

One hot afternoon we walked over to Tham and said "Well, Tham, what do you think of the fight?"

Tham started to laugh.

"Say," he said, turning as he pointed to a bear that was caged in the back of the camp. "I'd rather go right in that cage and spit in that bear's eyes than get inside of a ring with that man Jeffries. Say, he'll just tear that Johnson apart when they fight."

Some years later we met Tham again. This time it was at Toledo when Dempsey was training for Willard. Langford was outside Dempsey's cottage waiting for him to come out for his afternoon boxing. Once again we asked Tham what he thought of the fight.

"Oh," piped Tham, smiling again, "this boy Dempsey is too small for that big Willard. Too little altogether. Won't have much of a chance at all. He won't hurt that big fellow."

The old Tar Baby could knock 'em over all right, but he could not guess 'em right.

HARRY WILLS STARTS TRAINING FOR BOUT WITH CHAMP.

(Preston News Service)

6-16-23

New York City, June 16.—At last it looks as though things have about shaped themselves so Wills, the bronze panther, will have a chance at the title. It is said that he is a favorite among the long shoremen. The fellow workers paid him a high tribute when he laid down that he was going into training preparatory for a title bout with Jack Dempsey—the bout for which he has been watchfully waiting for years.

Wills and his manager Paddy Mullins, it is said have taken literally the promise of Jack Kearns, Dempsey's manager, that the title holder will meet Wills next, providing he is champion after he meets Tommy Gibbons. The state boxing commission it is understood is preparing to give a decision on the proposal to hold the bout in this state. Wills started training Friday.

The Negro fans in Harlem says that is a bad sign. Wills should not have started training on Friday. They declared that it is an ill omen. He will never fight Dempsey, and if he does something will go wrong. Wills laughed at this expression of superstitution on the part of his many admirers. He told them main thing was to train. Start when you will. But the superstition of the fight fans still goes on.

NEGRO WILL BE NEXT OPPONENT FOR CHAMPION

Kearns Says Willard-Firpo Bout Would Not Draw Enough

The Houston Post

5-20-23

Houston Post

GREAT FALLS, Mont., May 19.—The heavyweight battle for championship honors next Labor day will not be between Dempsey and Willard or Firpo, said Jack Kearns, manager of Jack Dempsey, heavyweight champion of the world, but will be between Dempsey and Harry Wills, colored heavyweight fighter.

"This statement," said Kearns to an Associated Press correspondent today, "is of course, predicated upon Dempsey winning over Tommy Gibbons in the championship battle of the world in Shelby, July 4.

Neither Willard nor Firpo which ever may win in their coming fight, would make a drawing card equal to Wills' nor be as hard to crack. Dempsey does not draw the color line and is willing to go against Wills Labor day if a satisfactory offer is made and Dempsey holds the belt against Gibbons in the Shelby fight."

Kearns arrived in Great Falls Friday night and will go to Shelby Tuesday to see what progress is being made for the battle July 4. On his return here the latter part of the week, he will remain with Dempsey at the training camp until July 4. The contractors of the Shelby arena are putting a large crew of men to work and are to rush it to completion by June 30. Dempsey has not started heavy work as yet and Saturday a five-mile road workout with George Godfrey, the giant negro; shadow boxed ten rounds and skipped the rope for 45 minutes.

He looks in the best of condition and expresses himself as well pleased with his camp on the Missouri river.

Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul, contender for the championship against Dempsey in Shelby July 4, will arrive in Great Falls Sunday evening and will be met by the municipal band. A large delegation of citizens are expected to greet him.

Later in the evening he will be tenderd a complimentary banquet at local hotel by the Knights of Columbus.

BUFFALO N Y COURIER
JUNE 2, 1923

TEDDY MEYERS AND NEW COLORED STAR ADD TO Q. A. C. BILL

Jackie Moore, Victor Over Harry Cook and Williams, Will Appear.

Teddy Meyers and a new negro invader, said to be the best of ~~all colored~~ boxers imported to this section, by name Jackie Moore of Columbus, have been added to the bouts in the Queensberry Athletic club show next Monday night at the Broadway auditorium.

Moore is a guaranteed fighter. He has many good matches to his credit, and in his own race claims knockout of Cyclone Williams, the Elmira bouncer, recently seen in Buffalo, and defeat of Harry Cook, and Cook has been shooing away all the negro battlers who have sought to interfere with his local prestige. Meyers is in good form to face the new menace. He is said to have recovered the auto-trolley injuries, and only the other day in Detroit, when his match with Ted Merchant, the Briton, fell through, Ted offered to take the place of Meldelsohn of Milwaukee when that worthy feared to give weight to Sailor Freedman, and Freedman is thought by many to be a title prospect.

K. O. Laughlin and Slats.

A curtain raiser will bring on Tony Stabenau, the former amateur champion heavy, who has been bowling over his opponents, with Fred Smith, the Southsider, who promises to be an entirely different sort of proposition for the slugging Tony.

Slattery is working hard in preparation of the coming of K. O. Laughlin, who is threatening not only his own downfall, but that of Frankie Schoell, when he gets the opportunity.

The lightweight affairs look very good, with Charlie O'Connell vs. Luke Carr and Bobby Tracey vs. Bud Christiano, in addition to the Meyers-Moore fuss. And the bantam champion of Buffalo looks to be in good hands in the meeting of Art Wander and Freddy Thompson.

Prospect appears to be for a another crush at the auditorium on Monday, for the card looks promising and the coming of K. O. Loughlin, a welter of no slight record, for Jimmy Slattery has stirred the fistic fancy deeply. There already has been a great take of tickets at the Snyder depot, No. 331 Main street.

Dusky Youth, Six Feet Tall, Wins Brooklyn Marble Championship

N Y C EVE WORLD
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A GROUP OF FINALISTS

LEFT - FRANK ROTUNDO
RIGHT - LE ROY BROWN
WINNER.

Le Roy Brown, Fourteen and Tall, Outclasses Diminutive Frank Rotundo.

Leroy Brown, a tall serious Negro lad, won the Brooklyn marble finals and will represent that borough in the deciding match to-morrow afternoon in front of the City Hall when a New York representative will be picked to go to the national championship at Atlantic City. Brown had a strenuous time to slip in ahead of Frank Rotundo, a speckled youth about half his size, who was only one point behind when the last marble went rolling out of the ring in the City Park. Brown's winning score was nine; Rotundo's, eight.

The Brooklyn recreation officials in charge of John Downey, were very thorough in their efforts to comb out the best marble shooting talent on the other end of the bridge. The field steadily narrowed down to ten playground winners, who easily showed their supremacy over all other rivals. These ten met yesterday afternoon at City Park for the purpose of determining what proud youngster would win his way to the grand finals to-morrow afternoon. The ten finals were Leroy Brown, J. Walsh, G. Mitwick, J. Cullinan, A. Rosenthal, A.

PROMOTER OF FIGHT IS SIMON FLAHERTY

N Y C EVE WORLD
MAY 22, 1923

Fifty Thousand Dollars to Be Turned Over to Jack Dempsey to Induce Him to Sign Contract to Box Negro Here if He Wins Over Tom Gibbons.

By Ed Van Every.

THAT the plans for a world's heavyweight title bout between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills, as exclusively outlined in The Evening World of yesterday, are well under way is proved by developments of the last few hours. The Evening World story is confirmed by the action of Paddy Mullins, manager of Harry Wills, by Simon Flaherty, who will head the promotion of the big match, and by late despatches from Great Falls, Mont., where Jack Kearns is now quartered with Jack Dempsey. Flaherty makes his stand even stronger by announcing that he has agreed to turn over the sum of $50,000 to Jack Kearns as soon as Jack Dempsey has disposed of Tom Gibbons and is free to sign a contract for a Wills meeting.

To-day the plea prepared on behalf of Harry Wills, as published in these columns, and demanding that cause be shown why the colored heavyweight should not be permitted to meet Jack Dempsey for the heavyweight title, will be filed with the State Athletic Commission.

Wills has had his challenge and check for $2,500 in the hands of the Boxing Commission for almost a year. The match was approved by the Commission. Any number of mixed bouts have been fought. Articles of agreement were entered into by both Wills and Dempsey at the instigation of Chairman William Muldoon.

As the Wills plea so aptly states in conclusion:

"If the Commission can give one logical reason why Harry Wills should not be permitted to fight here, or why his legitimate challenge should be ignored, he will withdraw both the challenge and the check."

Luis Angel Firpo is going away from here on Thursday next to pick up some easy money by knocking over a couple of set-ups, and the chances are none too bright that he will leave his signature scrawled on a contract for a meeting with Jess Willard when he departs. The "man without a smile" is frowning on the efforts of Tex Rickard to consummate the match between the Argentine Giant and the conqueror of Floyd Johnson, and the noted promoter is about ready to throw up his hands in disgust. Firpo declares he is the big attraction and insists on a bigger percentage for signing than allowed to Willard. Jess is said to have held Rickard up for 30 per cent.

Either Mr. Firpo is developing a severe case of swelled head, or he is being poorly advised by the coterie of countrymen that now surround him. Firpo has a lot of friends just now, but he is in grave danger of losing his best one, at least the one man who means most to his boxing future. The chances are Jimmy De Forest will part company with Luis Angel Firpo to-day.

Jimmy De Forest has improved the Argentine heavyweight pugilist 100 per cent. since February, both in his boxing and physically. But like many fighters, Firpo is inclined to be ungrateful. As a result of his months of hard and successful work it is understood that Firpo offered Jimmy something like $1,000 when he was paid off for his victory over Jack McAuliffe. De Forest tossed the money back at Luis Angel and threatened to quit right then and there. The matter was patched up but now it is reported that Firpo would have his trainer accompany him on the trip to Havana and New Mexico at half pay. Jimmy says "nothing doing" and a break is likely.

One of the "tough ones" Firpo is booked to meet on his trip is Joe White. This is said to be the same Joe White who acted as a punching bag for Firpo in some of his training workouts at the Garden gym.

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LOUIS FIRPO ROBBED OF THE HEAVYWEIGHT CROWN

Chicago Defender

Jack Dempsey was allowed to retain the world's white heavyweight championship, supposedly the championship of the world, last Friday night, under the most unsavory conditions as far as the fair-minded sporting public is concerned. As one writer for a western daily who was sent to cover the fight said: "It was about the rawest ever, they will do anything to win down here and the stink which the affair has kicked up has given boxing a black eye, yet the public stands to be buncoed out of its money and is willing to have another Firpo-Dempsey bout staged, notwithstanding the fact that the only real challenger living who has a ghost of a show against this fellow Dempsey is Harry Wills and the majority of the people who follow boxing really believe Wills can whip this big over-rated fellow to a frazzle."

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Buncoing the Public

This western writer is not the only one who believed the same thing. Firpo said after the fight that he could use only one hand, but rather than postpone the fight he went through with it. Carpentier had one hand, too, and the Boston papers were the only ones who dared print it before the fight took place. Looks like easy pickings for a champion and then with one arm Firpo knocked Dempsey clean through the ropes. The film shows this, but some one has censored what followed. The part where Dempsey was helped back into the ring and which should have disqualified him has been CUT OUT. Why? No one seems to be able to answer clearly unless it was to try and cover up. The New York Boxing commission comes in for a lot of blame, so does Tex Rickard and the whole affair has caused Latin-Americans to turn up their nose when Americans say anything about "clean sportsmanship." They are of the opinion that "anything to win" goes over here and the bout clearly demonstrates this.

Sid Sutherland in his dispatch sent out to the Chicago Tribune lays the whole case before the public. The following appeared in the Monday morning issue of that paper and any man knowing hardly nothing of the prowess of Harry Wills knows that Dempsey would have been slaughtered by Harry had the openings been presented to him that came to Firpo. To the thousands of readers of the sport pages of the Chicago Defender, we quote Mr. Sutherland's article:

By SID SUTHERLAND

Jack Dempsey is world's champion today by grace of the gods of pugilism, by virtue of his mighty prowess and undeniable genius in matters of the prize ring, and because of a rotten deal handed Luis Angel Firpo—a deal so raw and unsportsmanlike that it is unbelievable there is no recourse anywhere to rectify the wrong.

Let us look into the foregoing statement more closely.

That Dempsey is a darling of pugdom's deities is clear when it is remembered that only Firpo's utter lack of glove intelligence in the climax of that historic, unforgettable battle in New York last Friday kept him from knocking the champion out.

Firpo's Opportunity

Picture the opportunity: Dempsey leaning backward over the top rope, held immovable by the foreigner's ponderous left fist on his right shoulder, bleeding from lips and nose, eyes glazed and mouth open, legs trembling, arms dangling nervelessly at his sides, so battered and stunned and whipped that even the tyro's instinct to lift his hands, to hunch his left shoulder in defense, was gone.

And Firpo, a horribly mutilated figure of limitless courage, his features encarnadined, eyes dull, his body racked and quivering from the merciless beating he had received; Firpo, striding back from the grave of pugilistic oblivion into which the mighty Dempsey had sent him; Firpo, not to be denied his moment of glory; Firpo stood there holding the hapless champion with one hand, pounding, pounding, pounding the left side of the face with a right hand and forearm so powerful and irresistible that the minds of punier men cannot conceive.

Brain Not There

All he needed to do, all that the situation required, was a flash of fighting brain—loose his hold on the neck of the half dead Dempsey and, as he toppled, crash him into complete unconsciousness with a left hook.

Again: when Dempsey was pushed back into the ring, Firpo, assigning to the invader the requisite wit, had only to keep out of the champion's dying clutch and uppercut his head off with a right whipped from his shoe laces.

He simply was unequipped by nature with the capacity for thinking correctly in a crisis; and, of course, the terrific punishment he had undergone extinguished what little wisdom he ever had. Thus it was that fortune favored the titleholder.

Whipped to a whisper, as sporting platitude describes it, he was yet able to summon from the abyss of the subconscious all the qualities that make him what he indubitably is—the greatest fighter that ever lived. It sufficed to confuse and confound and conquer the giant who had risen from the dead to shock 90,000 spectators into babbling, screaming, frothing madness.

Staggering to his corner, responding but faintly to his frantic manager's ministrations, the gong for the second round was as a bugle sound to Sergt. Alvin York, it roused him to renewed battle lust that could not be denied. That it took him but 57 second to annihilate a man who had almost destroyed him is ample testimonial to his greatness.

And yet Firpo was outrageously defrauded of the championship. Five counts make up this indictment of Dempsey, the referee, and the New York boxing commission, to wit:

Dempsey scored his first knockdown by hitting Firpo on the breakaway from a clinch, when the latter turned to see what the referee had ordered. A stern and just arbiter would have bent down to the fallen gladiator and lifted his arm—the victor.

Until the fifth knockdown, Dempsey never stepped away from the recumbent Firpo. This, likewise, is a violation of New York boxing rules.

Dempsey thrice dashed his fist into Firpo's face before he had arisen; a palpable cause for disqualification.

Two Men Help Jack

Knocked ignominiously into the press seats, Dempsey never could have reentered the ring unaided. I saw two men lift him to the edge of the platform outside the ropes. And the "powers that prevail" in Gotham have scissored this shameful scene from the moving pictures, which show Dempsey pitching headlong from the ring, and then show him fighting! Since no one, the rules command, must help a boxer back into the battleground, Firpo should have won right there.

Fifth: at the end of the first round, after the Argentinean had dropped his hands and started for his corner, Dempsey, deliberately and with frightful force, hooked him on the chin three times with his left.

Having fought his way to the top in this savage profession, a champion is entitled to the "edge" in all decisions—but it was reprehensible, disgraceful, and pitiful that Firpo did not win the championship he earned. And this can be said without diminishing in any degree the tributes that are due the marvelous Dempsey.

SIDELIGHTS OF THE FIGHT

By WILLIAM WHITE

New York, Sept. 21.—The battle between Jack Dempsey and Louis Angel Firpo is over. When some 90 odd thousands of persons crowded into the Polo grounds Friday night, persons of color could be found from Coogan's Bluff, on the outside, to the best ringside seats inside.

From early morn until around 6 p. m., the local Defender office was a mass of moving humanity. Some came from the Pennsylvania station, some from the Grand Central station and from nearby cities automobile parties came by the hundreds. At 2 o'clock, cars were parked in and around Seventh Ave., at 138th St., for blocks.

On Thursday night, all of the cafes, cabarets and other places of amusement were crowded. For instance, one gent from Los Angeles bet a white man in this section $1,000 that Firpo would not answer the bell for the third round, at even money. He won. There was much money lost by members of our group who thought Firpo had more than an outside chance.

Harlem Turned Out Strong

Approximately 5,000 of the staid old Harlem sports, the kind that would go to Italy or anywhere else to see a championship "go," attended the fracas. Of course, they had a certain advantage over the out-of-town brother, because they were here on the scene and had no trouble in securing their tickets weeks ago. This bunch was lead by George P. Moore, the Wilkins brothers, Barron and Leroy; "Lovie Joe" Robinson, Bub Hewlitt, Eugene Elmore, "Denver Ed" Martin and hundreds of others too numerous to mention.

Prof. Daniel Washington, Hannibal, Mo., a preacher's son, played an important part in this particular championship affair. He is a massuer. Firpo first met Dan at Madison Square garden early last spring, when he conditioned himself there for the Brennan fight.

Dempsey was glad to have Dan work on him during his conditioning period, and he did. During the last week of Dempsey's training at the Spa, there came a long telegram from Firpo, addressed to "Dapper Dan," and it read "Friend Dan, come to Atlantic City I need you."

It was Dempsey's tapering off period, so Dan bundled up his belongings and to Atlantic City he went. Dempsey never did know what became of Dan until he showed up in Firpo's corner at the fight. There was considerable discussion among the officials as to whether it would be advisable to let the big fellow go into Firpo's corner but the Argentine battler setted the dispute when he flatly refused to go into the ring without Dan.

When 40 or more of Firpo's countrymen retired to a restaurant in the Latin quarter in the wee hours of the morning to dine and to fight the fight all over again, Dan was among those present. Saturday night at the Commonwealth Sporting club, Washington said: "When Firpo first landed in this country in January in 1922, he didn't have a dime. His first fight was with Joe McCann, somewhere over in Newark, N. J. As I recollect, he got $125 for knocking this bird out. Since that period most everyone knows how rapid his rise has been. Well, he handed me four times that much for my bit. Wasn't bad, was it?" and Dan was lost in the surging crowd.

Following are a few of the visitors present: J. Lawson, Detroit, Mich.; Bob Church, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Nathaniel Johnson, Milton Malvern, Charles Harris, Richard Robinson, George Parker, Walter "Big Red" Smith, C. W. Williams, Dr. Herbert Harris and hundreds of others from Washington, D. C.; David W. Jones, Norfolk, Va.; Lee Richardson, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Young, S. T. Saxon and several others in party, Hamilton, Ohio; Jack Ripley, San Francisco; J. K. Wheeler, Binghamton, N. Y.; John Jackson, Syracuse, N. Y.; Bill Henry, Rochester, N. Y.; Ray Splivens, St. Louis; "Dapper Dan" Collins, Omaha, Neb.; "Western Jack" Johnson, Topeka, Kan.; Jesse Binga and Harry Scott, Chicago; "Licker" Johnson, Cleveland; Jesse Barber, Seattle, Wash., and hundreds of others.

Among the boxers present were Batting Siki, Harry Wills, John Lester Johnson, Bob Armstrong, Danny Edwards, Willie Walker, Jackie Moore, Kid Norfolk, Battling McCreery, "Denver Ed" Martin, Johnny Risdon and Jack Johnson, who was given as big an ovation as Siki received when he entered.

MIXED BOUTS DIVIDE PENNSYLVANIA BOARD

Negro Member Protests Ruling of Colleagues Against Colored Boxers.

N.Y. Times

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 11.—Differences of opinion over an order banning bouts between white and negro boxers in Pennsylvania developed tonight in the State Athletic Commission. William H. Rocap, Chairman of the commission, issued the order yesterday.

Charles Fred White, negro member of the commission, tonight said he was not consulted regarding the matter and would oppose "any star chamber" meetings of the commission to render such decisions.

12-12-23

Chairman Rocap said that a vote had been taken last Saturday and that he and H. J. Boyle, third member of the commission, had voted in favor of prohibiting mixed bouts, while White had voted in favor of them.

"I called Mr. Boyle by telephone," said Rocap, "received his vote upholding my stand, and called Mr. White to my office for his vote. He said he stood in favor of mixed bouts, and so I notified him that he was overruled by Mr. Boyle and myself."

White, after declaring that Chairman Rocap had overstepped his authority, asserted that any boxing promoter could go into court and enjoin the commission from interfering with his rights under his license to promote boxing bouts if there was no reason other than "color prejudice for the prohibition."

Gourdin at Hampton

The Washington Tribune

(Acting Physical Director, Hampton Institute).

Hampton, Va., May—Edward O. Gourdin, world's record-holder of the running broad jump—25 feet and 3 inches—will take part in the second annual championship track and field meet, which will be held on Armstrong Field, Hampton Institute, on Saturday, May 19, beginning promptly at one o'clock in the afternoon. Arrangements are also being made to bring other prominent athletic stars to Hampton on this date. 5-12-23

Last year the following schools took part: Howard University; Virginia Union University; Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute; St. Paul Normal and Industrial School; Bordentown Manual Training School of New Jersey; Princess Anne Academy of Maryland; Dunbar High School, Junior High School, and Armstrong High School, all of Washington, D. C.; Huntington High School of Newport News, Va.; Booker T. Washington High School of Norfolk, Va.; and Norcum High School of Portsmouth, Va. All of these institutions are expected to be represented this year.

5-12-23

The following schools have stated their willingness to enter teams for this second meet: Lincoln University of Pennsylvania; Livingston College of Salisbury, N. C.; Wilberforce University of Wilberforce, O.; Knoxville College of Knoxville, Tenn.; St. Augustine School of Raleigh, N. C.; and Harrison High School of Roanoke, Va.

Lincoln, with her relay team fresh from its victory in the Pennsylvania relays, will be a strong contender for the relay cup trophy. The Howard relay team that made such a great showing in the Pennsylvania relays will be on hand to try to duplicate its feat of last year.

Reuben F. Jones of Hampton, captain of the 1923 Hampton track team is confident of leading his team to victory. The competition will be keener this year and all teams must fight hard on May 19 to win on Armstrong Field.

Gov. Smith Bars Meeting Of Dempsey and Wills In New York, Is Report

The New York Age 8-25-23

Big Battle Cannot Be Staged Here Until After 1924 Democratic National Convention, Is Apparently Well-Substantiated Rumor—Connecticut Wants Fight.

New York, N.Y.

Governor Smith Denies That He Has Put a Ban On Dempsey-Wills Bout

Governor Alfred E. Smith denies that he has forbidden the Dempsey-Wills bout in New York State and on Tuesday, August 21, issued the following statement:

"I have not mixed up in boxing in any way. I have no authority over boxing. I know nothing about boxing. The law expressly states that the direction and supervision of boxing in this state is under complete jurisdiction of the State Commission. In no way have I attempted to advise or interfere with boxing matters. I have left the direction of the sport solely in the hands of those delegated under the law to supervise and direct it.

"The Dempsey-Wills match, the same as all other matches, the same as all other things pertaining to the sport of boxing is up to the board in whom the power is delegated under the law."

The recent agitation for a Dempsey-Wills fight in New York this fall has brought to light the fact that Governor Alfred E. Smith has tabooed the bout in this state until after the 1924 Democratic National Convention, which will probably be held in this city.

Despite pressure from both sporting and political sources urging him to interfere with the matching of Dempsey and Wills in N[illegible]k, Governor Smith has decided that the votes of the presidential delegates from the South mean more to him than the Demps[illegible] Wills match means to New York boxing fans, and those who are seeking to stage this bout here have been warned not to attempt it.

In the meantime the Connecticut promoters have made some alluring offers to Jack Kearns, manager of Dempsey, and if he has any intention of allowing the champion to face Wills this year he will accept the Connecticut offer. The information of the attitude of Governor Smith has caused the formation of a Connecticut Syndicate, headed by Thos. F. Reilly of Stamford, and several influential politicians and business men of the Nutmeg State.

A local colored Tammany politician verified the information about Governor Smith's attitude and declared:

The Presidential Bee

"Your information is absolutely correct, I regret to say. Although the Governor has been shown that his refusal to permit Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Wills to engage in their sporting cont[illegible]t here will certainly cost the Democratic party in New York two Assembly districts, and probably three, the Governor is so overcome with his Presidential aspirations that he is willing to turn down some of the men who made him politically here in order to curry favor with certain Lily White Presidential delegates from the South.

"The votes of New York made A Smith. The voters of New York, both white and black want to see a straight, manly contest between Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Wills. Now, the Governor turns down these voters to satisfy his own personal ambitions regarding getting the Presidential nomination. He thinks more of the narrow-backed Southern delegates who are tied heart and soul with Oscar Underwood than he does the men who have worked shoulder to shoulder with him here and twice helped to put him in the Governor's chair.

"It is all right for Governor Smith to declare there is no color line here. It is all right to point to the mixed bouts between whites and blacks of inferior calibre to prove there is no color line in sport here. The fact remains that the Governor will not permit the only mixed bout of importance there is any wide demand to see—the contest between Mr. Dempsey and Mr. Wills.

"Last week a final attempt was made to induce the Governor not to put the bars down on a Dempsey-Wills meeting. The Governor had not changed his views one whit from the attitude he took several weeks ago, when we first found out how the wind was blowing, and sounded him out. Before the last election he was strong for a Dempsey-Wills contest. His views changed when his Presidential aspirations began to get the better of him.

"Putting the Dempsey-Wills contest off until after next year's convention is putting it off for good as far as New York is concerned. Twice the match has been made red hot here and then allowed to cool. It can't be heated again. As far as New York goes the public doesn't want to wait until both Dempsey and Wills grow gray beards and have to tenter the ring on crutches. It is now or never. New York has lost the great contest. Al Smith has barred the gates.

"In barring the gates here to Dempsey and Wills he has thrown three Assembly districts to the Republicans in the hopes that the South will desert Oscar Underwood and line up behind his banner. Unless I am mistaken in my understanding of sentiment in the South however Governor Smith's barring of Messrs. Dempsey and Wills will prove to be as bad politics as it is bad sport.

"By putting his foot down on the match Governor Smith not only refuses Mr. Wills a square deal, but the millions of boxing fans a square deal. The Governor permits a bout between Mr. Dempsey and this Firpo, a raw Argentine boxer with only a year's experience, yet denies the fans a straight sportsmanly contest between two of the most evenly matched boxers in sporting history. With one punch the Governor knocks the square deal out of sport."

Although it is practically certain that a Dempsey-Wills contest is off as for as New York is concerned, there still is a possibility that the pair will meet this year. Unless Thomas F. Reilly, the Stamford promoter, is spoofing, he will be able to offer Dempsey more alluring terms than could be hoped for in New York.

BROWN RETAINS TENNIS CHAMPIONSHIP

Savannah Tribune

Chicago, Ill., Aug. 28 (Associated Negro Press)—Edgar G. Brown, Indiana's bronze leopard, playing through national tennis champion, romped through three thrilling sets on the courts of the Prairie Tennis Club Saturday afternoon, and retained his title by defeating E. G. Saitch, New York's wonder boy, champion of Philadelphia to the tune of 6-3, 6-2, 11-9.

In defeating Saitch, Brown played the most spectacular and convincing tennis ever witnessed on the local courts. He played a winning game against another remarkable player and stood the gaff of a mob of spectators opposed to him. Saitch, who defeated Brown in Philadelphia, was expected to trun the trick again. Brown's flash Saturday made the challenger's former victory look like a fluke.

Savannah, Ga.

One hundred fifty contestants from nearly twenty states, the East and the Mid-West, were entered in the seventh annual tournament of the American Tennis Association. Excepting for one day, Tuesday, when it rained, the play went off without a hitch. The South Park Commission permitted the Association to use the public parks to catch up in the play, the first time such permission has ever been given to any club or group. The stands were filled with spectators during the entire week of play. Saturday additional seats had to be provided for the throngs that came to see the finals.

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Miss Isadora Channels, national woman's champion of Chicago, defeated Mrs. Lottie Wade, the New York Phenomena, in straight sets 8-6, 6-4. The New York woman swept through the early rounds of the tournament in brilliant fashion. In the match with Miss Channells, she gained a wide advantage in the first set, but the champion, displaying an unbeatable game at the net and a strong overhead proved too strong for the form of the New Yorker and ran through the extra game set in such manner as to elicit the constant applause of the spectators.

Men's doubles this year were won by Dr. J. McGriff of Portsmouth, Va., and Dr. E. D. Downing, Roanoke, the same state, through default, from E. G. Brown, champion singles, and Ted Thompson of Washington. At the time Brown and Thompson defaulted the McGriff-Downing combination was leading, having lost the first set, won the second and being ahead in the third.

The women's doubles title was copped by Miss E. Leonard, New York, and Mrs. Lottie Wade, New York, from Miss E. Glass and C. Ross, both of Kansas City, Mo., in straight sets. The first set proved a walkaway for the New York team. In the second set the Missouri girls rallied and forced their opponents to extend themselves. Miss Ross brought forth cheers with her service. The backhand work of Mrs. Wade was a large factor in the victory for New York, her returns catching her opponents unaware and forcing them to net the ball.

E. G. Saitch and Mrs. Wade won the mixed doubles championship from Dr. B. M. Rhetta and Miss N. Nicholson, both of Baltimore, 7-5, 6-3. Rhetta did spectacular work in the doubles, playing both fore and back courts in extraordinary manner. He and his partner, however, played an uphill game, with Saitch strong on his service against Miss Nicholson, and Mrs. Wade commanding the back court.

The Saitch-Brown match was the class of the tournament. There were several upsets, notably the defeat of F. Wilkinson, Washington, by J. McGriff, Portsmouth, Va. McGriff's work in singles and doubles was an outstanding feature of the tournament. Mrs. C. O. Seames, "mother" of the games, 57 years young, won a hard match from Mrs. Norman, one of New York's leading players, 3-6, 8-6, 7-5. Dr. O. B. Williams defaulted to R. A. Toney, his doubles partner, in the singles, thereby eliminating himself from the finals. Brown defeated him for the Illinois championship in five hard sets in July.

The absence of Tally Holmes, former national champion, from the tournament was generally and generously commented upon.

ENGLISH RUNNER EDWARDS TO BECOME AMERICAN CITIZEN

Chicago

New Yorrk, Sept. 7—H. F. V. Edwards, English sprinter and quarter-miler, is working out daily on the Columbia university cinder path since his arrival here to compete in the Wilco games at the Yankee stadium, Sept. 8. Edwards speaks English, French and German fluently, and with one more examination hopes to be admitted to the bar. When he found the English Amateur Athletic union opposed to his coming over here to compete at the Wilco meet, he promptly decided to take out first papers for citizenship in this country.

Defender

Edwards was born in Germany of English parents and his early education was obtained in the elementary schools of Berlin. When he was 1 years of age his parents moved to France and there he continued his education.

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When war was declared in August, 1914, Edwards found himself interned in Germany for four years and lived in a British civilian camp. After the war he came to London and began studying for a professional career. While there he joined the Polytechnic Harriers, one of that city's biggest athletic clubs.

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CHARLIE WEST IS HERO IN PENN RELAY; LINCOLN WINS COLLEGE MILE: BRIEF NEWS

5-5-23

By WILLIAM WHITE

Franklin Field, Philadelphia, Pa., April 28.—The close of athletic activities here today in a steady downpour of rain that started shortly after 4 o'clock ended the 29th annual relay carnival of the University of Pennsylvania, the greatest athletic event held in this country. Twenty-five thousand persons attended yesterday with over 35,000 scattered here and there when the first event was called at 2 o'clock today.

Weather conditions were perfect yesterday, with the exception of a mild wind that blew in a northerly direction which added a thrill to the gigantic spectacle of huge pennants that were decked around the stadium designating the larger colleges taking part in the various events.

With the many visitors of our group from all parts of the country who attend this event annually and the hundreds of local school children, it is conservative to say that at least 6,000 persons of color attended this year. As was the case last year, the University of Pennsylvania, under whose auspices the carnival is held, was minus an athlete of color. The last athlete of our group to represent this great institution of learning was Dewey Rogers, the great little quarter-miler who competed on their great relay team back in 1911.

Brown university, which was represented by J. Carter, and Hamilton college, which was represented by C. Scott last year, were also minus Race representation. An added attraction was the entry of the Oxford relay team of England, which won the sprint medley for the college championship of America. It was the third time the Oxonians have invaded Frenklin field to snatch victory from Yankees' hands by taking the medley scepter.

Charlie West Real Hero

The outsanding feature of the carnival was the winning of the pentathlon by Charlie West of Washington and Jefferson college, who was not looked upon with any seriousness as a possible winner of this premier event among the all-round athletes in American colleges by the dopesters. Washington and Jefferson was sure he would win, and he did.

All the halo surrounded the noble pate of Emerson Norton (white) of the University of Kansas, ranked as the superman of the athletes and a son of the Sunflower state. Winner of the western all-round indoor championship, rated as better than the peer of any of the brawny and fleet chaps clad in abbreviated garments, he was selected as an easy winner, the man to whom the annual classic was to be an easy romp to fresh laurels and added fame.

Norton not only did not win, but he suffered the inglorious fate of not reaching the elimination test that separates the athletic sheep from the goats. He not only saw West achieve the goal of all athletes' wishes, the summit of their ambitions, but he was passed in the quest for triumph and glory by other athletes until Norton became a pariah, and so was cast out of competition after the third event.

West is the first of our group to ever capture the classic pentathlon and to him goes the honor of being the "best athlete" of all time, regardless of color. His achievements as an all-round athlete give him the edge over such men as the great LeGendre of Georgetown, Berry and Bartels of Pennsylvania, Bradley of Kansas, past winners of this event, and Ned Gourdin, the former super athlete of Harvard university, for he starred in the moleskins of the gridiron gladiator and is one of the best of her diamond greats. His glory, prior to yesterday, has resounded through the land largely because of his prowess on the football field, but today it sounded in a different role, that of splendid vintage and great durability.

The hero of Washington and Jefferson's victory turned in the total of 16 points. He and Newton of Florida tied in the 200 meters. He won the javelin throw and the 1,500-meter run, was fourth in the broad jump and ninth in the discus throw. Elkins, an Indian of Haskell institute, Kansas, was third. He gave West a stiff argument in the 1,500-meter run, leading up to within 100 yards of the tape. Just to have something to do today West substituted for J. Creigh on his college relay team that won event No. 74 for the Middle Atlantic states class B relay championship. A. Alderette, their regular anchor man, was moved up and ran the third relay while West ran as anchor. He was handed the baton in second place, 20 yards behind W. Rogers of Haverford college. Steady plugging brought him up to within striking distance of the leader and when rounding the last turn he started a sprint that brought him on even terms with Rhoads, Haverford anchon man, a sixteenth of a mile from the tape. West outgamed his opponent to win by the scant margin of five yeards. His quarter was timed in 51¾ seconds.

Hubbard Wins Two Events

Sharing individual honors with West was DeHart Hubbard of the University of Michigan, who was the victor in the hop, step and jump on Friday with a distance of 48 feet 4½ inches. Today he won the running broad jump as he pleased with a leap of 23 feet 10¼ inches, beating Rose of Pennsylvania by two feet. Hubbard was also entered in the 120-yard hurdles. After warming up he withdrew presumably to conserve his strength for the broad jump, as much closer competition was expected from Rose. This event was won by Moore of Pennsylvania State in 15 2-5 seconds, which was fast time, considering the condition of the track. It is doubtful if Hubbard could have won over Moore.

Lincoln Wins Great Race

Lincoln university of Chester, Pa., lived up to the expectations of her followers by winning event No. 63 in the splendid time of 3 minutes and 33 seconds. W. McBrown, who ran the first quarter, handed the baton to D. Trigg in third place approximately 15 yards behind the leader. He made up very little ground. L. McClean ran the third leg, gaining five yards. Capt. Webb, who ran anchor, was the real hero. However, in the first stages of the last quarter it looked rather doubtful for the Orange and Black boys. It was not until rounding the north turn that he commenced to gain. Lengthening his stride as he entered the stretch, his final sprint was too much for C. Reed of St. Bonaventure college. Webb breasted the tape a winner for Lincoln by five yards. His team mates gathered around him and danced with glee.

Howard university's relay team of Washington, D. C., was beaten by the Bates college team in event No. 66, in the fast time of 326 1-5 seconds, one of the fastest times recorded during the event. The quartet composed of H. Bridges, E. Wyndon, R. Craft and L. Robinson, put up a great race. Five yards separated Bates and Howard at the tape. Up to the last 100 yards the winner was in doubt. Robinson, who ran anchor, made up considerable ground, and his early efforts told in the final sprint to the tape. J. Simpson, a new comer to the relays, ran the third lap for Bates, and his great sprint in the stretch had much to do with Bates' well-earned victory.

Bordentown Manual Second

Bordentown Manual Training school was beaten in event No. 48 by Allentown, Pa., high school in one of the closest races of the meet. Poor judgment on the part of Captain Jimmie Watson, who ran anchor probably cost Bordentown victory. He was handed the baton by H. Prigg about five yards to the good. Going down the back stretch he had a splendid lead and instead of waiting until the last sixteenth to make his sprint, he chose to do so on the north turn, an eighth of a mile from home. When challenged by Allentown's anchor man, who ran a heady race, he had nothing left because of his early efforts.

H. Allen, C. Jones, C. Backus and C. Mason, representing Cheyney Training school, competed in event No. 63 against Lincoln university and other schools. They finished among the also rans.

College, Preparatory Schools

Thomas J. Anderson of Howard competed in the javelin and discus throw events. Another youngster from Howard, named J. Young, also competed in the latter event. Jimmie Moore of Penn State did not run with the quartet that broke the world's record for the two-mile event against Oxford and other colleges. He competed in event No. 75, the one-mile relay race, and through his wonderful running enabled Penn State to finish third. T. Martin ran on the University of Pittsburgh's relay team in this event. He ran anchor and made up much ground, but Pittsburgh was hopelessly beaten in the early stages of the race.

J. Martin ran the initial leg for Temple university in event No. 64, which they won. He held his own and was on even terms with the George Washington university man.

Gerald Seon ran the first leg for New York College of Dental and Oral Surgery, which also competed in event No. 64. He was beaten several yards.

Dunbar and Armstrong Beaten

Dunbar high school and Armstrong high school of Washington, D. C., were hopelessly beaten in event No. 71. Dunbar's showing was unexpected, because of their great showing last year when then finished second in the event for interscholastic championship of America for both high and preparatory schools.

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Central high school of this city ran a full team of Race boys in event No. 54. The quartet, composed of L. Bell, E. Liver, H. Patcher, and H. Seitchik, ran well, finishing a close fifth to Germantown. On Friday they finished third in event No. 5. G. Williams ran the third leg for Lancaster, Pa., high. His showing was poor. E. Conley ran the first leg for Battin high, in event No. 50. He got off to a good start and led up to within 50 yards of the end of his lap and quit to a walk. His lead was 20 yards at the end of the eighth mile. L. Jones ran anchor for Frankford high. He could not run fast enough to keep himself warm.

West Chester, Pa., high showed two corking good boys, L. and J. Jones, two brothers. West Chester was not among the first three, but it was not the Jones boys' fault. Chattle, N. J., high showed two pretty fair boys in J. Gloer and M. Meade. Both boys should be heard from in future events. R. Dunn ran the third lap for Burlington, N. J., high. He didn't show much.

C. Dixon represented Roselle Park, N. J., high in event No. 46. His showing was poor. One of the best showings made by the New Jersey boys was made by J. Chambers of Cape May City high. He ran anchor for his school and besides making up 10 yards, breasted the tape a winner for Cape May by 20 yards. He showed plenty of speed and determination. J. Rickerson represented Westfield, N. J., high and his showing was very poor.

S. Stires ran the third leg for Sommerville high's winning team in event No. 44. L. Jones ran the third leg for Ridley Park, N. J., high. His loss of more than 40 yards probably cost his school a place among the first three. T. Scarbarough ran the second leg for Pleasantville, N. J., high, which was among the also rans in event No. 43. His showing was fair. H. Crisman ran well for Downington, Pa., high, which was unplaced in event No. 42. R. Walton ran anchor for Lambertville, Pa., high, which finished in the rut. E. Robinson ran well for West Grove, Pa., high. J. Blending and J. Keys helped Southern high school to victory in the Philadelphia high school freshmen half-mile relay championship. The time was 111 2-5 seconds, breaking the record of 113 2-5 seconds, made by Central high school last year. Central high finished third this year, with C. Brown and G. Collins as 50 per cent of its quartet. J. McIntyre ran anchor for Northeast high, which finished second in this event.

Deaf and Dumb Runners

About as nifty a piece of running that was demonstrated by any athlete during the two days' meet was that of E. Evans, the Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf, in event No. 57, which they won by inches. He ran the second leg, and in the early stages was in fifth position, 50 or more yards behind the leader. Rounding the north curve he put on a sprint that carried him to the front, handing the baton to his teammate with five yards to the good. F. Johnson, who ran the third leg for Trenton School for Deaf, ran a remarkable race, which caused his school to be placed third.

Grammar Schools Shine

On Friday the grammar schools had their day and much promising material was the result. Principally among these schools, which are all local, was Harrison, who made a run-away affair of event No. 13. The quartet was composed of M. Dunlap, T. Powell, H. Saxon and B. Samuels. Brooks school won event No. 14 with F. Clifford, E. Dorsey, W. Anderson and A. Primson (captain) as its representatives.

Event No. 15 went to Childs school. F. Braxton, C. Morris, C. Colavita and A. Oliveri were the heroes of this event. Burham school won event No. 18 with the fine running of J. Minor, A. Purnell, A. Allen and K. Burbage.

All of the above schools were represented entirely by youngsters of our group who may be our Hubbards and Wests of tomorrow. Belmont school showed two corking youngsters in S. Strous and R. Edwards. Belmont won event No. 19. I. Tobias ran the third leg for Singerly. He showed very well. J. Johnson ran the third leg for Sharwood school who won event No. 21. E. Eave and R. Williams ran splendid legs for Widener school who finished third in event No. 18. A. Bryant and J. Terrell represented Reynolds Gratz in event No. 18. G. Stokes ran anchor for Cleveland school that finished third in event No. 17. M. Seymour represented Tilghman school in event No. 17. His showing was fair. H. Beasley and R. Collins represented E. M. Stanton school in event No. 18. McCall was represented by T. Cotton and L. Jones.

Hancock school was represented by D. Kimmel and P. Dubas. The running of T. Wilson for Northwest school won event No. 16. He ran the second leg and handed the baton to his teammate with 30 yards to the good. B. Oliver ran anchor for Northwest and won as he pleased.

E. Dabney ran the first leg for Landreth school who finished second in event No. 15. S. Brandon and P. Harris represented Arnold school who finished second in event No. 14. N. Baker ran the first leg for Alcorn school in event No. 14. R. Cox ran the third leg for Arthur school in event No. 13.

As Mr. Coue says, "We are getting better and better every day, in every way." The showing of Race athletes this year from the little fellows to the high schools and upwards has far surpassed our efforts of former years. It is likely that next year will see a greater attendance of our group at this meet and a larger number of our athletes in action. And Booker T. told them "We are coming." We sure came through this time, all right.

Smith of Chicago Wins in Colored Tennis Meet

The Daily News

Robert Smith of Chicago defeated L. Granger of Newark, N. J., 7-5, 6-2 this morning in the first round of the singles matches of the seventh annual championships of the American association for the national colored players net titles, at the Prairie Tennis club, 32d street and Vernon avenue.

Smith was the only representative that stood up against the stiff play of the early morning matches. O. H. Hawkins of Chicago met defeat at the hands of F. Hinzs of Louisville 6-1; 6-1. F. Johnson of Chicago was beaten by L. Leonard of Pine Bluff, Ark. Sam Filling of Hot Springs, Ark., defeated Dr. N. A. Biggs of Chicago 0-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Miss Polly Rickman of Cleveland defeated Miss L. Talliger of New York City 6-1, 6-1. L. Spooner of New York City defeated L. Watson of St. Louis 6-1, 6-1. Theodore Thompson of Washington, D. C., defeated George Hill of Montclair, N. J., 6-0, 6-3. J. Taylor of Kansas City defeated J. Shannon of Cincinnati 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

The Daily News trophy in the women's singles is among the twenty to be played for by the 127 players entered. New York, Maryland, Ohio, Michigan, Missouri, Indiana and Kentucky have representatives in the meet.

Play in Colored Net Meet Is Delayed by Rain

The Daily News

Rain prevented play to-day in the last of the first round of the singles matches and the first of the mixed doubles of the seventh annual American association national colored tennis championships which are being staged this week at the Prairie Tennis club, East 32d street and Vernon avenue.

On Wednesday and Thursday, due to the large out-of-town entry list, a great number of the matches will be staged at the Washington park courts. Matches both at the Prairie Tennis club and Washington park courts will be played all day to-morrow if the weather permits.

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The Chicago representatives in yesterdays matches fared badly, with the exception of Richard Hudlin, Universi-

Chicago freshman, who defeated Parish of Louisville, 6-2, 6-4, and O. B. Williams of Chicago, who defeated H. A. Wortham, the Detroit champion, 6-1, 7-9, 6-2. Williams was the runner-up for the city championship last year and is a great favorite in Chicago.

Chicago Ill.

Edgar Brown of Chicago the national champion is expecting his hardest battles with Ted Thompson of Washington, D. C., E. Saitch of New York City and Dr. O. B. Williams of Chicago. Saitch is a 19 year old youngster who was runner up to Brown for the New York colored title two weeks ago but Brown is said to be expecting the keenest opposition from the Chicago stars.

Miss Isadore Channels of Chicago, national women's champion, defeated Mrs. J. B. Stallworth of Chicago 6-1, 6-4, late yesterday. Mrs. L. Junior of Philadelphia defeated Miss L. Saunders of Chicago 6-1, 6-2. Miss Dorothy Radcliffe of Chicago defeated Mrs. G. Outlaw of Chicago 6-0; 6-1.

The largest women's entry is from Chicago and in all probability the Daily News trophy which will be awarded the women's singles champion will remain in this city.

The meet will be staged in Baltimore, Maryland next year, it was announced last evening.

HUGHES MAKES ALL STAR TEAM

IN BOSTON POST'S ALL-SCHOOLBOY ELEVEN—CONKLIN ON 2ND TEAM AND JACKSON ON THIRD.

The Guardian

In its selection of an All-Scholastic foot-ball team from the High Schools

ERNEST HUGHES, CAMBRIDGE
Rated as best tackle of all Greater Boston Mixed High Schools

of Greater Boston, the Boston Post put Ernest Hughes, tackle of Rindge, on the first, Conklin, center of Trade school in the second and Jackson, quarter-back of Malden in the third team. Crosson, tackle of Boston High and Taylor, half-back of Everett are given honorable mention.

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PRIZE fighting is brutal, says the Methodist Episcopal Church, which is trying to create a public sentiment for its suppression, "especially in the army and navy." Well, such a public sentiment existed once. Ten years ago it was legally impossible to arrange a prize fight in the United States in any except a few States popularly regarded as renegades. That was in the day when there was also a strong public sentiment against another form of fighting for prizes known as war. When the United States entered the European massacre the churches, for the most part, put into cold storage their doctrine against human slaughter, and it was natural that they should do likewise with a peccadillo like prize fighting. Indeed, the Young Men's Christian Association and other religious bodies did their best to foster pugilism among our service men. Springing from that time, there has been a great reversal in public sentiment, and prize fighting (now usually sweetened under the term professional boxing) has become more than respectable; it has become fashionable. The Methodist Episcopal Church may find that it is harder to put up the bars than to let them down. Certainly the last place where the suppression of the sport should be demanded is the army and navy. If it is legitimate to support and train a force of man-killers, surely it is reasonable to let the individuals knock each other about a bit to relieve their boredom while waiting for the final coup from poison gas, bayonet point, or high-explosive shell.

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W. and J. is Charged With Bad Faith in Playing West

Wash-Lee Athletic Management Declares Manager Murphy Promised Not To Use Colored Star

CHARGES OF BAD FAITH against Manager Murphy, of W. & J., are made by Graduate Manager Smith, of Washington and Lee, in the first public statement secured from the Generals' management on the unfortunate break-up at Washington, Pa., last week over the issue of Charlie West, a colored player on the W. & J. team. The Richmond-Times-Dispatch prints the following concerning the Virginians' angle of the situation:

Feeling ran so high against Washington and Lee University's eleven at Washington and Jefferson, Washington, Pa., Saturday last, following the Generals' refusal to play against a negro that the squad literally had to sn[illegible] out of town.

Some of the players actually went to Pittsburgh rather than wait for a later train running direct to Washington, D. C.

Telegrams from colleges and organizations, including a North Carolina chapter of the Ku Klux Klan, have poured into the Lexington institution, congratulating Washington and Lee's stand.

Such is the information coming to light, upon the return of the Generals to Lexington, Va.

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Frank Young's All-American Eleven

The Chicago Defender

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	First Team		Second Team		Third Team	
POSITION.	PLAYER.	TEAM.	PLAYER.	TEAM.	PLAYER.	TEAM.
Left End	CRUDUP	Lincoln	LANCASTER	Lincoln	CLAY	Atlanta
Left Tackle	T. T. COLEMAN	Hampton	DOKES	Howard	KITCHEN	Tuskegee
Left Guard	MILLER	Va. Union	MOORE	W. Va. Collegiate	POINDEXTER	Lincoln
Center	MORGAN	Lincoln	LEAKE	Atlanta	TADLOCK	Tuskegee
Right Guard	BUTLER	Hampton	WINGFIELD	Morris Brown	SMITH	Va. Union
Right Tackle	COSTON	Lincoln	COOK	Morehouse	LONG	Fisk
Right End	CORROTHERS	Union	JONES	Hampton	WILLIAMS (Capt.)	Howard
Quarteback	BYRD	Lincoln	JACOBB	Hampton	COLES	Va. Normal
Halfback	MARTIN	Va. Union	CARDWELL	W. Va. Collegiate	PEYTON	Howard
Halfback	DONEGHY (Capt.)	Howard	HURD (Capt.)	Wilberforce	GUNN	Hampton
Fullback	JOHNSON	Fisk	PARKER	St. Paul	FENTRESS	Union

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POSITION.	PLAYER.	TEAM.	PLAYER.	TEAM.	PLAYER.	TEAM.
Left End	CRUDUP	Lincoln	LANCASTER	Lincoln	CLAY	Atlanta
Left Tackle	T. T. COLEMAN	Hampton	DOKES	Howard	KITCHEN	Tuskegee
Left Guard	MILLER	Va. Union	MOORE	W. Va. Collegiate	POINDEXTER	Lincoln
Center	MORGAN	Lincoln	LEAKE	Atlanta	TADLOCK	Tuskegee
Right Guard	BUTLER	Hampton	WINGFIELD	Morris Brown	SMITH	Va. Union
Right Tackle	COSTON	Lincoln	COOK	Morehouse	LONG	Fisk
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COLORED TENNIS FANS OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP HERE TO-DAY.

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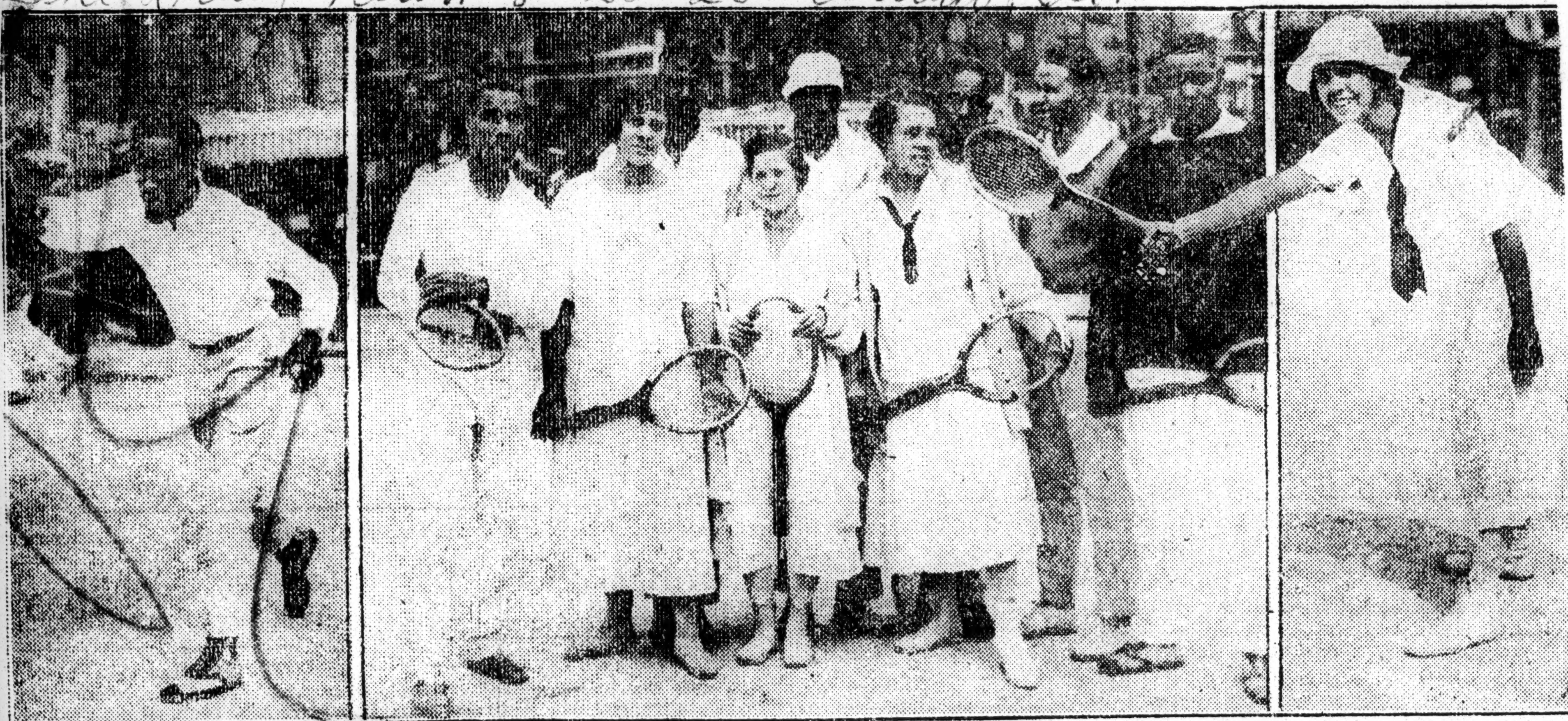

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[By a staff photographer of The Daily News.]

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New York Times

FOUR NEW RECORDS SET

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RAY CAPTURES THE MILE

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In the pole vault Meyers of the Chicago A. . established a new mark of 13 feet 1 inch, displacing the mark of 13 feet made byFoss and Meyers of the same club in conjunction in 1920.

Hoffman of the Illinois A. C. established a new mark in the javelin with a throw of 194 feet 7½ inches, while Lieb of the Illinois A. C. set a new record of 151 feet 6-3 inch in the discus.

Joie Ray of the Illinois A. C. captured the one mile run, with Baker, a clubmate, second, and Hahn of the Boston A. A. third.

Murchison of the Newark A. C. won both the 100-yard and 220-yard sprints, Lovejoy of the New York A. C. finishing second in the latter event. Meyers of the Newark A. C. finished second to Brookins of the University of Iowa in the 220-yard low hurdles.

Pearman of the New York A. C. won the three-mile walk, while Matt McGrath and Wanzer, also of the Mercury Foot Club, captured the weight and shot put respectively. Pat McDonald won a great ovation as he came on the field to the tune of "The Wearing of the Green" by the bands in the stand. He finished second to McGrath in throwing the 56-pound weight.

The summaries:

Track Events.

100-yard Dash—Won by Murchison, Newark A. A.; Washington, University of Chicago, second; Bowman, Newark A. A., third; Hermansen, Chicago A. A., fourth. Time—0:10 1-10.

220-yard Run—Won by Murchison, Newark A. A.; Lovejoy, New York A. C., second; Lochnicht, unattached, third; Wilson, University of Iowa, fourth. Time—0:22:3.

440-yard Run—Won by Fitch, Chicago A. A.; Wolters, Illinois A. C., second; Hagen, Chicago A. A., third. Donahue, Chicago A. A., fourth. Time—0:50.

880-yard Run—Won by Watson, Illinois A. C.; Helffrich, New York A. C., second; Connelly, unattached, third; Dodge, Multnomah Club, Seattle, fourth. Time—1.57 2-5.

One-mile Run—Won by Ray, Illinois A. C.; Buker, Illinois A. C., second; Hahn, Boston A. A., third; Wharton, Chicago A. A., fourth. Time—4:18.

Five-Mile Run—Won by Johnson, Edgar Thomson Works, Hazleton, Pa.; Booth, Johns Hopkins University, second; Henigan, Dorchester (Mass.) University, third; Grey, Enterprise A. A., Philadelphia, fourth. Time—26:05 2-5.

120-Yard Hurdles—Won by Anderson, Illinois A. C.; Riley, Illinois A. C., second; Kinsey, unattached, third; oore, Meadowbrook Club, Philadelphia, fourth. Time—0:13:01.

220-Yard Low Hurdles—Won by Brookins, University of Iowa; Meyers, Newark A. C., second; Anderson, Illinois A. C., third; Kinsey, unattached, fourth. Time—24:24:05.

440-Yard Hurdles—Won by Riley, Illinois A. C.; Norton, South Atlantic Association, second; Oram, New York A. C., third; Hall, Chicago A. A., fourth. Time—0:55 4-10.

Three-Mile Walk—Won by Pearman, New York A. C.; Foster, Detroit Y. M. C. A., second; Schultz, Buffalo Y. M. C. A., third; Hawley, Illinois A. C., fourth. Time—22:59:02.

Field Events.

Running Broad Jump—Won by Hubbard, University of Michigan; Legendre, Newark A. C., second; Gourdin, Dorchester (Mass). Club, third; Sward, Chicago A. A., fourth. Distance—24 feet 7¾ inches.

High Jufp—Won by Brown, New York A. C.; Osborne, Illonis A. C., second; Landon, New York A. C., third; Chamberlain, unattached, fourth. Distance—6 feet 5⅝ inches, new record. Old record—6 feet 5⅛ inches, made jointly by Osborne, Illinois A. C., and Alberts, Chicago A. A., in 1922.

Shot Put—Won by Wanzer, New York A. C.; Eastman, Boston A. A., second; Houser University of Southern California, third; Schwarze, Illinois A. C., fourth. Distance—47 feet ⅝ inch.

Hop, Step and Jump—Won by Hubbard, University Michigan; Geist, Y. M. C. A., Chicago, second; Plansky, Pere Marquette K. C., Chicago, third; Jacquith, Illinois A. C., fourth. Distance—47 feet ½ inch.

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Throwing Hammer—Won by Tootell, Boston A. A.; McGrath, New York A. C., second; Bennett, Chicago A. A., third; McEachern, Olympic Club, San Francisco, fourth. Distance—173 feet 6⅝ inches.

Discus Throw—Won by Lieb, Illinois A. C.; Pope, Illinois A. C., second; Houser, University of Southern California, third; Ashton, New York A. C., fourth. Distance—151 feet 6-8. New record. Old record of 146 feet 5 inches made by Pope, Multomah Club, Seattle, in 1920.

Throwing 56-Pound Weight—Won by McGrath, New York A. C.; McDonald, New York A. C., second; Tootell, Boston A. A., third; Roberts, United States Army, fourth. Distance—38 feet.

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IN A. A. U. GAMES.

Chicago Daily News 8-30-23

DE HART HUBBARD OF MICHIGAN, WHO WILL GO AFTER GOURDIN'S RUNNING BROAD-JUMP RECORD AT STAGG FIELD.

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KANSAS CITY MO. JOURNAL
JUNE 19, 1923

~~Negro Is~~ N.Y.'s Marble Champion

There's excitement a-plenty in New York among marble enthusiasts.

For Leroy Brown, a towering Negro lad of 14, knuckled down in the final game and captured the city finals with no more trouble than consuming a juicy slice of watermelon.

Brown is nearly six feet tall and every inch a knuckle sharpshooter. He is the last of the forty city champions to be chosen.

New York's final game was played in front of the great city hall in the presence of Mayor Hylan, prominent officials, and a great crowd that required the services of extra police. From the very first Brown began winning. With his long reach, he possessed a great advantage over his smaller opponents. Brown wasted no time landing in the middle cluster and committing wholesale execution.

Brown will battle with Kansas City's champion, Gene Brown, and the other city champions next week in Atlantic City for the national title.

DEMANDS $500,000 FOR DEMPSEY-WILLS

Kearns Insists on Half Million Guarantee — Champion Goes to Salt Lake.

NEEDS MORE REAL BOUTS

Gibbons Bout Convinces Titleholder He Cannot Afford to Be Idle— Great Falls Deserted.

Special to The New York Times.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., July 5.—The reaction after the storm has set in here. For the last few weeks a hotbad of enthusiasm, with conventions of the Knights of Columbus, the Masons and the Elks contributing to the feeling of high tension produced by the world's heavyweight championship bout between Jack Dempsey and Tom Gibbons, the contrast between what was and what now exists is distinctly noticeable. Excitement has given way to calm; enthusiasm has been dissipated and the humdrum of normalcy reigns.

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The only remnant of the late title struggle is the presence of some of Dempsey's staff here. The champion left this morning at 9:30 with his father and Senator Bill Lyons, Colorado admirer, who held the watch for Dempsey yesterday at Shelby. Dempsey left for his home in Salt Lake City to remain for a few days before proceeding to Los Angeles.

The champion plans to spend a short time on the Coast before journeying east to New York, where everything is being made ready for a bout in which Dempsey will defend his title either against the winner of the Willard-Firpo battle or against Harry Wills.

Demands $500,000.

The former project right now seems the more probable. There are difficulties associated with a Dempsey-Wills bout which threaten its development. The biggest difficulty is the financial situation with regard to the match. It is being sought as an attraction for the Yankee Stadium, but unless Jack Kearns unexpectedly recedes from his present attitude there is little likelihood of the bout being held there. Kearns wants a guarantee of $500,000. Half of this sum must be paid over to Kearns at the time the articles are signed. The other $250,000 must be paid forty-eight hours before the bout. The people abck of the Yankee Stadium boxing enterprises are not receptive to this proposition. They want Kearns to agree to a percentage arrangement only. Kearns is known to be opposed to this plan. So there the matter stands.

7-6-23

Dempsey today expressed relief that the bout with Gibbons is over. The champion welcomes the opportunity to return to his home in Salt Lake.

New York

Dempsey had little to say about the bout beyond what he said yesterday after the contest. His disappointment over his failure to score a knockout was manifest. Dempsey takes pride in his hitting ability. But his attitude, on the whole, was one of satisfaction. He retained the title.

"I have learned a lesson through this match," said Dempsey. "I need more work. I am convinced that you cannot be idle for two years and then go into the ring with the same vigor and vitality. The old pep is not there. I felt fine yesterday in the ring and through the bout. I never felt weak or tired. But still I was aware I was not myself. There was something missing. I expected to score a knockout victory. I didn't, and I am disappointed.

"But I have a measure of consolation nevertheless. I convinced myself and everybody else that I can travel the route at lively pace without tiring. If it can be arranged I will have greater ring activity in the future. Every champion needs action.

New York

Will Seek More Action.

"I am convinced my long period of idleness affected me to a certain extent. So I have made up my mind that I will get plenty of action in the future if that is possible.

"Gibbons proved a worthy opponent. He deserves praise for his game battle. I know he is game, because he stood up under the body punishment I gave him. Only a courageous boxer could withstand that assault, and he withstood it for fifteen rounds. Gibbons proved a little harder for me than I had expected. He wasn't easy to hit with an effective blow. I guess he fooled a lot of people, too, by the way he stood up against me. He's a great boxer."

Dempsey did not return to his camp outside the city last night. Instead the champion, after returning to this city in his special car on the 6 o'clock train remained over night at the Park Hotel where Kearns has his headquarters.

Kearns was in Shelby today straightening out the finincial tangle. Kearns is expected here early tomorrow morning to finish his business here before returning East.

NEGRO BOY BREAKS 60-YD. DASH RECORD IN P. S. A. L. MEET

J. Miller of Public School 89, and of the Mother Zion Athletic Club, set a new record for the 60-yard dash in the 110-pound class of the Public School Athletic League meet at the 22nd Regiment Armory on Saturday afternoon, December 8, when he covered the distance in 7 1-5 seconds. The old record was 7 2-5 seconds.

N.Y. Age

Public School 5, which was represented almost wholly by colored boys, displayed a well-balanced team, scoring in the sprint, relay and field events. P. S. 5 won the team trophy by scoring a total of 34 points. The next highest number of points was scored by P. S. 9 of Brooklyn.

12-15-23

The meet was a gala affair for the 2,000 school boys who took part and for the 7,000 other school children, with their relatives and friends, who looked on. It started with an impressive patriotic program and lasted three hours. Acting Mayor Hulbert headed the parade and acted as official referee.

P. S. relay teams were as follows: 75 pound class—Banfield, Goldberg, Ganz and Campbell; 85-pound class—McCray, Thompson, Strauss and Gain. Individual stars from this school were: Smith, who won the running high jump event in the 85-pound class; Sheppard, who won the running high jump in the 100-pound class; Thompson, who came second in the standing broad jump, and Harper, who came second in the 8-pound shot put.

P. S. 89 boys who won the 88-yard relay race were: Orange, Strell, Romney and Manpeu.

LANGFORD TO TRAIN FIRPO.

Dallas Express — Dallas Texas

(N. C. P.)

New York City, N. Y., March 23. Sam Langford, the Boston Tar Baby has been secured to train and handle Luis Angel Firpo, the Argentine Giant. Sam will teach the big Argentian how not to telegraph the fact to an opponent that "Now I am going to hit you in the eye or, maybe, I'll hit you in the bread basket." The "Tar Baby" declares that when he gets through with Firpo that Jack Dempsey, the champion "white hope" will look as small as Pancho, the Filipino.

3/31/23

DEHART HUBBARD AND JOHNSON COP IN THE NATIONAL

Chicago Defender

DeHart Hubbard, University of Michigan's crack broad jumper, successfully defended his title as national champion at Stagg field Saturday afternoon against the country's best jumpers, including the holder of the world's record, E. O. Gourdin, former Harvard university star, now competing under the colors of the Dorchester A. C. of Boston, Mass. Gourdin took third place, second place going to Bob Legendre, former Georgetown university lad (white). Hubbard's first try was 24 feet 7½ inches. His best mark of the day was 24 feet 7¾ inches, which gives him the title of national A. A. U. champion for 1923. His mark was a quarter of an inch shorter than Sol Butler's American record, made in 1920. Gourdin holds the world's record of 25 feet 3 inches and it looks like it will be some time before that mark is shattered.

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Wins Hop, Step and Jump

Hubbard was given a big ovation by the crowd. He won first place in the hop, step and jump, but only after a scare was thrown into him. He had made the distance of 45 feet 9 inches when Geist of New York went 46 feet 10 inches. The rain was coming down in torrents. Hubbard had two trys and on the first he slipped and fell. On his last jump he went 47 feet ½ inch. He tied Murchison of the Newark A. C. for individual point winner, each athlete getting 10 points, the white boy winning firsts in the century and furlong dashes.

In the half mile was Sandy Evans, late of the Salem Crescent A. C. of New York, now running for the New Britain A. C. of New Britain, Conn. The race was two laps around. Evans moved up from fifth position to third on the first turn. Joie Ray and Watson fought it out for the lead. Coming in front of the grandstand Evans plugged along, the rain beating the runners in the face and forcing the spectators to hie for shelter. Evans took the lead at 600 yards and was on even terms with Helffrich, who won. Helffrich, Evans, Ray and Watson hit the last 150 yards abreast, but Evans could not stand the gaff in the home stretch and slowed down to a walk. He could have trotted over the line, but was content to allow every white runner entered to pass him as he walked to the finishing line.

The 100 yard dash brought the spectators to their feet. Albert Washington, University of Chicago, was the only athlete of color in this event. He will make a crackerjack athlete some day, but he will have to learn Drew's style of getting off. In this Washington was slow. He won his trial heat, but in the finals finished second to the flying Murchison. Washington made a desperate effort to cop the event. The winners' time was 10.1 seconds.

Johnson Takes 5-Miler

The 5 mile run brought R. Earl Johnson of the Edgar Thomson Steel Works, Braddock, Pa., defending his title against Willie Ritola of the Finnish-American club. Ritola and Johnson were to have it out. This was seen before one lap was run. The race was around the quarter mile track, which meant 20 times around. A slight rain was falling at the start which caused the track to become heavy.

Ritola's biggest mistake was the pace he set. He started out like he was running a three mile race on a fast track. Johnson kept up his steady plugging, keeping at least 200 yards behind the leader. Both athletes were given a big hand every time they came in front of the grand stand. Two miles were reeled off. The positions remained the same. Suddenly Ritola came to a dead standstill on the last lap of the third mile, clutched his side and walked off the field, where he was assisted by some of the officials. It was then announced that he was forced to retire owing to a "stitch" in his side. Johnson with no competition and almost a full lap ahead of the rest of the field, kept up the same gait that he started out with until the last 100 yards, when he gave the spectators something to talk about by startling everyone with a burst of speed to the finishing line. His time was 26:05.2

Johnson, by winning the race, won his seventh national title in 12 starts, the other five times winning second places. At one time he was 5, 10 and cross country national A. A. U. champion.

All the athletes attended a banquet at the Congress hotel Saturday evening, where the medals were given out. Hubbard left for Detroit late Saturday night. Johnson went to Pittsburgh.

ST. LOUIS COLORED BOY WINS TENNIS TOURNAMENT AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY

Richard Hudlin Gradually Works To Final And Then Wins Championship In Freshman Tourney.

St. Louis Argus

St. Louis, Mo.

Richard Hudlin of 4004 Cook Ave., this city, won the freshman tennis tournament at Chicago University recently. Hudlin overcame the best efforts of Tillman Magnus, the white finalist, and won after four hours of continuous play. The final round went the maximum length of five sets to a score of 7-5, 5-7, 6-4, 2-6, 7-5. Each player won 27 games.

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The contest was marked by the consistent work of both men and the absence of any brilliant play, being, for the most part an endurance match in which defensive work was relied upon by both sides. Numerals in Tennis will be awarded Hudlin and Magnus

Jumps 3,500 Ft.

Daredevil Airplane Jumper Had Parachute In One Hand And Saxaphone In Other To Play As He Fell

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Baltimore Md
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New York, June 14.—Everybody likes a little music with his meals, but Lt. Herbert Julian likes a little music to accompany his 3,500 foot jump out of the clouds.

Accordingly when the "Bonita Le Primera," which is the name of the first aeroplane owned by colored people in New York soared aloft from the Hasbrouk, N. J. Flying Field last Sunday, besides the pilot of the machine, Lt. Julian was a passenger.

Snugly wrapped behind his back like a soldier carries a knapsack, Lt. Julian, had his parachute. Straps fastened it around his shoulders. The lieutenant carried his favorite saxophone, parachute and jumper started for the ground at an amazing speed.

From the ground it seemed that the jumper fell nearly a thousand feet before the parachute opened. Then it checked his headlong plunge, enabling him to come down to the ground feet foremost. Despite the high wind the jumper landed within the flying field and as he came within earshot of the spectators, it was discovered that he was playing "Running Wild" on the saxophone.

Negro Appointed As A Member of the Pa. Boxing Commission

N. Y. Age
10-27-23

(Special Correspondence)

Harrisburgh, Pa.—Governor Pinchot apointed Charles Fred White, a Negro and former star track athlete of the University of Pennsylvania a member of the Pennsylvania Boxing Commission on Monday, October 22. White is a resident of Philadelphia and is in the real estate business. The other two Commissioners are William H. Rocap of the sport department of the Philadelphia Public Ledger and H. J. Boyle of Pittsburgh.

The colored member of the Commission is a graduate of the Law Department of the University of Pennsylvania and previous to his appointment had not been interested in boxing.

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Harry Wills Knocks Out Homer Smith

Negro Heavy Shows That He Still Retains His Punching Ability

Harry Wills, negro heavyweight champion who has been challenging Jack Dempsey persistently for the past three years without success, advanced his claims to a match with the champion considerably last night when he knocked out Homer Smith, the rugged Kalamazoo, Mich., boxer in the second round of a scheduled fifteen-round bout at the Queensboro Stadium last night before a capacity crowd of 9,000.

How Smith ever lasted ten rounds against Firpo will be a mystery to the fans who witnessed the ease with which Wills finished the Michigan battler. Harry floored him six times, four times in the first and twice in the second, with body blows which literally tore Smith off his feet. Smith never had a chance against his dusky opponent and it seemed as though he welcomed every oportunity to rest on the floor, dropping several times without being hit.

Wills was in superb condition but no idea of his true form could be gained by this encounter, since Smith is a mediocre heavy without skill, speed or punch, but Harry still retains his powerful hitting ability. Wills weighted 211 pounds and Smith 190.

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BAHADUR AT 14 TO 1 WINNER OF FRENCH RACING CLASSIC

Veteran Negro Jockey, Winkfield, Rides Winner of 200,000 Francs Stake.

PARIS, July 2 (Associated Press).—Bahadur, a French-bred horse, owned by Leon Mantacheff, a Russian, and ridden by the veteran Negro jockey, Winkfield, won the President of the French Republic Stakes of 200,000 francs at the closing of the metropolitan racing season at St. Cloud yesterday. Bahadur paid his backers 14 to 1.

Contrary to the Grand Prix de Paris, where styles predominated over racing, the contest was a strictly business and big betting affair.

King Alfonso of Spain had to be content with third place in the race, his four-year-old Ruban, admirably ridden by Lucian Lyne, once one of America's foremost jockeys, finishing behind Zariba, owned by a cotton merchant named Marcel Boussav. Ruban was entered in the race as owned by "the Duke of Toledo," the name Alfonso uses on the race courses. The few remaining adherents of the Bourbon dynasty plunged heavily on the chances of the Spanish King's horse.

Steve Donohue who flew over from England to ride Lefalin, last year's Grand Prix winner, arrived at St. Cloud a few minutes before the horses went to the post, but the three times winning jockey in the Epsom Derby could do no better than finish unplaced with his mount.

"Au revoir; see you at Vichy" (or Dieppe or Beauville), was the parting salute of the "regulars" as they wended their way out of the track after the races. The Paris season had closed.

LANGFORD BOUT STOPPED.

The New York N.Y.
Times 8-24-23

Los Angeles Police Halt Match and Crowd Stages a Riot.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 23.—Sam Langford, negro pugilist, was the innocent storm centre of a riot at a boxing arena here last night, when ticket holders for his match with Dick Stramalgia were refused admission because the arena was full. Sticks, stones and bottles were showered into the arena, then part of the board fence was pulled down and, finally, the electric light switches were turned off and on by the crowd unable to gain their seats. Promoter Fred Windsor sent in a riot call and 150 policement, with 20 Deputy Sheriffs, responded.

Police Captain Adams entered the ring and called off the main event, stating that "California laws require that participans in boxing bouts be amateurs." The crowd again became riotous, hurling every available missile toward the ring. The police quited that demonstration, but there went up a cry of "Money back!" The promoters rushed boxers into the ring and put on a number of bouts, but no money was refunded, according to the police.

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WILLS KNOCKS OUT SMITH IN 2D ROUND

Heavyweight Who Stayed Ten Rounds With Firpo Makes Poor Showing Against Negro.

GOES TO FLOOR SIX TIMES

Milwaukee Boxer Finally Takes the Count From Blow to the Heart at Queensboro A. C.

Harry Wills, the "brown panther" of New Orleans, who has been camping patiently on the trail of Champion Jack Dempsey, seeking a match for the world's heavyweight title, made short work of Homer Smith, Kalamazoo, Mich., boxer, last night in the scheduled ten-round bout before a capacity crowd of 9,000 at the Queensboro Athletic Club, Long Island. Wills knocked out Smith in two minutes twenty-six seconds of the second round.

When the contest was over Wills's qualifications for meeting Dempsey were as much unknown as before the bout started. Whether he retains his old time form after a year's absence from the ring must await another bout, one of greater competitive significance than the one with Smith.

While last night's bout failed to solve the mystery about Wills's form it arcused another mystery, fans leaving the Long Island City arena wondering just how Smith managed to stay ten rounds with Louis Angel Firpo.

Smith was no match for Wills, as the Michigan heavyweight is only a fourth-rate boxer, little removed from the novice class. Smith was on the floor six times, including the knockout. Four times he went down in the first round under the power back of Wills's rights to the ribs, a blow Wills landed repeatedly and with undiminishing force.

At close quarters, near the bell in the first session, Smith crossed a right to Wills's jaw and then fell to his knees as if it was the natural thing for him to do after a clean counter.

To start the second round Smith gracefully slid to the canvas without being hit and was resting on one knee for a count when referee Louis Magnolia ordered him to his feet, refusing to give him a count. Neither this tumble by Smith, nor the one at the end of the first round, could be scored a knockdown.

When Smith came up after his impulsive tumble in the second round, Wills went about the task of finishing him. The negro drove home a short inside right to the jaw which induced Smith to go down where, kneeling, he took a count of nine. When he regained his feet Smith was sent down and out with a terrific right to the body.

It was with his right to the body that Wills accomplished his victory. The finishing right, too, was the only blow the negro heavyweight landed at long range. Wills seldom tried a free arm blow for the simple reason that he walked fearlessly into Smith with apparent contempt for the Michigan boxer's boxing ability.

When Wills did try a few long-range swings in the first round he missed. His only work was done in the clinches, where he belabored Smith with powerful rights to the ribs, which had the left side of Smit's body red.

The second time Smith fell to the canvas he was accidentally struck low but he made no protest. On the fourth knockdown of Smith Wills accidentally hit his rival with a right to the head while Smith was down.

Wills weghed 211 pounds and had an advantage of twenty-one pounds on Smith.

Yussel Pearlstein, light heavyweight, and Pat Walsh of Cincinnati went to a draw in the first of the ten-round bouts, which served as the semi-final. This was a tiresome affair throughout, simply because the principals lacked ability above novice classification. Nobody dissented with the decision dividing honors. Nobody seemed to care particularly which won or how the bout went.

In the last ten-round bout which was put on after the Wills-Smith match Emmet Puryear, negro heavyweight of New York, won the judges' decision over Joe White of Alabama. Puryear weighed 178 and White 198 pounds.

In the first bout, a four-round affair, Augie Pizano gained the decision over Tony Soconi. The lads are featherweights. Ray Campbell and Eddie Clifford, rival Brooklyn welterweights, were the principals in the second bout, which went the limit to six rounds. Campbell was awarded the decision.

CHAS. H. WILLIAMS ON OLYMPIC COMMITTEE TO REPRESENT RACE

Race Is Asked to Make Contributions Toward Expense Fund—Negro Athletes Going

N. Y. Age
10-20-23

Last summer Charles H. Williams, head of athletics at Hampton Institute, was selected as a member of the American Olympic Committee, which is making arrangements for sending American athletes to Paris for the Olympic games next summer.

Since several Negro athletes are competing for the Olympic team, Mr. Williams accepted membership to the Committee. Each member has been asked to raise $150 toward the expenses of the committee. As this is the first time that Negroes have been given opportunity to take a real part in such an affair it is thought that colored athletes and those interested in athletics in general would be glad to make small contributions to this fund. These contributions may be sent direct to Mr. Williams at Hampton Institute.

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ENGLISH SPRINT CHAMPION

HARRY F. V. EDWARDS, English sprint champion, here to participate in the Wilco Pre-Olympic Games in the Yankee Stadium next Saturday. Edwards is shown above being congratulated by King George of England after winning three titles in 1922 championship meet.

Sensational English Sprint Champion Writes Impressions for Our Readers

New York Amsterdam

First Comments of British National Champion Since Arriving in America Given to the Public Through Columns of Leading Colored Paper Here.

News

Sept. 5-1923

By HARRY F. V. EDWARDS

It gives me, indeed, great pleasure to write these lines in this column, as it provides me with an opportunity to put on record my appreciation of the hearty welcome extended to me by the management and members of the staff of this journal and to thank them all—and in particular Roy Morse, who sacrificed all his scanty time of leisure in order to show me around and to make me feel at home.

Here I am now in New York, and the question I get often asked is: "Well, how do you like America?" The day after my arrival here I replied to this question: "I like it very much." My questioner immediately turned around to his friend and said: "Bo-o-o-y, guess they're all alike from England—two days here—thinks he's seen America!" He was a Westerner—I found out later on.

Since this incident I have become wiser and when anybody asks me now: "How do you like America?" I reply: "American women are beautiful." They all like to hear that and this at once tickles their laughing muscles. I found that this evasive but frank answer avoids many pitfalls.

The best reply to the question: "How do you like America?" I have heard from a Scotchman who said: "Grand—every time I go into a restaurant I find 10 cents under my plate."

But stop—I am going off on a tangent. I am not to fill this column with my impressions of the U. S. A.—there are plenty other more capable people who do that, nor am I to discuss the interesting and delicate subject of the beauty of American women—but I ought to tell the readers something about sports, athletics—about my past, just the good side of it.

Only a few more days—on September 8—I shall toe the starting line at the Yankee Stadium with the cream of the American athletes. My most serious opponent in the sprints viz: 100 and 200 meters will, no doubt, be Loren Murchison, who recently in splendid style carried off both the Metropolitan Senior and the National A. A. U. titles for the approximate yard distances.

Murchison and myself—we are not strangers. We met in competition on the cinder-path of the Antwerp Stadium at the Olympic Games in 1920. We both qualified in the second round of the 100 meters in which I received first place in 10 4-5 seconds with Murchison second; however, a regretable incident in the 100 meters final in which I was given 'third' prevented both Murchison and myself to do ourselves justice. In the 200 meters "Murch" beat me in the sem-ifinal when I strained a thigh muscle in the left leg, but with great pain and energy I just managed to turn the tables on him in the final, in which I received

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N. Y. Amsterdam

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gain a third place behind Wooding and Paddock.

News

Since these friendly Antwerp "battles" "Murch" and myselfhave been very active in running shoes, "Murch" on the American Continent and myself in Europe.

The first open British championship titles I won in July, 1920, when I ran the 100 yards in 10 seconds and the 220 yards in 21 3-5 seconds, defeating in the shorter distance W. A. Hill (A. A. U. champion 1919); Osterlaak (the South African champion), and Vic d'Arey (the British Olympic sprinter), and in the 220 yards Brown (Princeton University), who ran at 21 4-5 seconds, and W. A. Hill.

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In 1921 I retained the two titles, running 100 yards in 10 1-5 seconds and the 220 yards in 22 seconds, beating Abrahams (Cambridge University), and W. A. Hill (A. A. U. champion 1919), as my nearest opponents. At the end of the day I was called upon to run in the middle relay in which I was obliged—in order to win—to gallop the "quarter" in 48 4-5 seconds.

Encouraged by my showing in the 1921 championships I entered all three short distances in the 1922 championships, which were graced by the presence of His Majesty King George. During the four weeks preceding this meet I had a series of misfortunes. On June 5, 1922—four weeks before the championships, I strained my thigh muscle which meant rest and only easy, work and then a week before the championships when I thought my legs may be able to stand the strain of a sprint I fell head over heels down a flight of stairs—result: A swollen left ankle. Frequent applications of liniment and ice water worked wonders, and with little training and plenty optimism I went through the races I had entered for and I managed to secure all three titles: 100 yards in 10 seconds, the 220 yards in 22 seconds, and the 440 yards in 50 2-5 seconds, beating in the last named distance G Butler, of Cambridge University second in the 400 meters at the Olympic Games behind B. Rudd I also took part in the relay in which my team finished second.

Besides the British championships—which are open to the world, I ran in many other meets in London, Brighton, Leeds, Cambridge, High Wycombe, Liverpool Glasgow, Edinburgh and Paris, defeating all the British, French, Belgian, Swiss, Swedish, Norwegian, Finnish and Italian cracks, and now I am looking forward with confidence to my encounter with the "flyers" of the United States.

WHITE TENNIS ASSO. LETS DOWN BARS

The Afro American 8-17-23

New York, August 16.—

For the first time in history colored players have been admitted to a sanctioned tournament of the United States Lawn Tennis Association. Hon. Dwight W. Davis, Assistant Secretary of the Navy, and doner of the international trophy this year, has sponsored a National Municipal Park Tournament, the winners of each local park tournament were to be eligible to play in August at St. Louis.

The play was conducted by the U. S. L. A. and through the initiative of E. Kinkle Jones, head of the National Urban League, and his neighbor and one of the first educators of color in New York City, Gerald F. Norman, the race received its first and only recognition when these two men, who both live in Flushing, New York, entered the play at Kissena Park of the Flushing Queens Tournament. Mr. Jones went to the finals singles, being eliminated by F. McLaughlin, former Colgate captain, while the team of Jones and Norman played through and won Flushing Queens Tournament. They also won at Wayanda, and Central Parks, but lost to the Manhattan team in the finals of the Metropolitan Borough, which included the above mentioned parks.

ALL-SOUTHERN 11, PICKED BY COACH LONG OF WILEY U.

Jermany of Bishop College Gets Quarterback Position on Mythical Team in Southwest

By FRED T. LONG
Director of Athletics, Wiley College

Chicago Defender

First Team

Baker (Texas College) .....Right end
Thomas (Wiley) ....Right tackle
Posey (Bishop) ....Right guard
Sanders (Paul Quinn) ....Center
Owens (Wiley) ....Left guard
Morgan (Paul Quinn)....Left tackle
Wheatley (Sam Houston)...Left end
Jermany (Bishop) ......Quarterback
Ewell (Prairie View)..Right halfback
Orange (Wiley) ......Left halfback
Sheppard (Paul Quinn) .....Fullback

Second Team

R. Brown (Wiley) ... ...Right end
W. Brown (Wiley) ......Right tackle
Asky (Sam Houston) ...Right guard
Dillion (Prarie View) ....Center
Kirven (Paul Quinn)......Left guard
Flournoy (Bishop) ....Left tackle
Oniel (Prairie View) ....Left end
Hines (Wiley) ....Quarterback
Newton (Sam Houston)..R. halfback
King (Bishop) ....Left halfback
Sedberry (Paul Quinn)......Fullback

Marshall, Texas, Dec. 14.—Selecting an all-star eleven of the colleges of Texas is a mighty tough job, as there were more good football players in 1923 than all the years before. Competition was keener than ever before, and some of the best games ever played were witnessed in the Texas conference this fall. The caliber of football played in Texas cannot be questioned, when among the names of the coaches appear the names of Heucles of Virginia Union, Law of Lincoln, Gordon of Talladega, Collins of Iowa and H. J. Long of James Milliken.

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Starting with the ends, Baker of Texas college is in a class by himself. He is a deadly tackler and the best man in the conference at catching forward passes. Then, too, he can handle an opposing tackle with equal skill. Wheatley of Sam Houston gets the other end, being only a shade behind Baker in the real requirements of an end. R. Brown of Wiley, Oneil of Prairie View and Nichols of Paul Quinn are other ends worthy of mention.

Thomas of Wiley, the 165-pound dynamo, and Morgan of Paul Quinn, the 225-pound gint, get the tackle positions. Thomas is an untiring, smart lineman. What he lacks in weight, he makes up in brains and fight. He is one of the best blockers in the conference, goes down under punts with the ends and fights to the last whistle. "Shorty" Morgan is just about the most dangerous end runner in the conference and plays a great defensive game. W. Brown of Wiley, Flournoy of Bishop and Hunter of Prairie View are next best.

"Rolling Stone" Owens, the 185-pound Wiley lineman is the best guard in Texas. His second year in football has proven him a terror to every team Wiley has met this fall. Posey of Bishop, whose regular position is tackle, is placed at the other guard, as he is such a good lineman that he can hardly be left off the first selection. Asky of Sam Houston and Kirven of Paul Quinn are the second team choices, while Lott of Wiley and Jingles of Prairie View would be welcomed in the line of any coach.

Sanders of Paul Quinn and Dillion of Prairie View far outclass the rest of the centers. Both are good passers and great offensive and defensive linemen. Sanders gets a slight edge over Dillion on account of weight and speed and the fact that he outplayed the Prairie View star when the two met this year. Browning of Bishop is third choice.

Jermany of Bishop has the call at quarter. Although the Bishop eleven had its most disastrous season in years, Captain Jermany played brilliantly and was one bright spot of Bishop's play. He is a triple threat man, also a defensive star. Hines of Wiley, playing his first year in the backfield, developed into one of the best field generals seen this fall. Lovinggood of Sam Houston has a great future as a quarter.

The halfback positions go to Ewell of Prairie View and Orange of Wiley. Ewell's work in the Paul Quinn and Wiley games was so sensational that he cannot be left off this selection. Orange of Wiley is one of the greatest punters in the game today. Weighing only 150 pounds, this sensational punter gets off spirals that average 50 to 55 yards. He is also a fair line plunger, an accurate passer and a dependable drop-kicker. Newton of Sam Houston, Thompson and Pollard of Prairie View, Redwine of Texas college, King of Bishop and Tinsley of Paul Quinn are splendid halfbacks

Sheppard of Paul Quinn is assigned to the fullback position. This star is one of the best men that ever set foot on a gridiron. To tell the truth, there is nothing on the football field that Sheppard cannot do. Without doubt, he is the best dropkicker in the South and almost as good as a broken field runner. He can pass, punt, block and play a great defensive game. Sedberry of Paul Quinn is second choice, ranking second only to Orange of Wiley as a punter. Ford of Texas college, Martin of Prairie View and Walton of Sam Houston played remarkably well this year.

Colored Girls Shatter Quarter-Mile Record

St. Louis Argus

Preston News Service

NEW YORK, N. Y., Sept. 19.—Track history for the race was made here in a unusual manner last Saturday when four fleet and nimble-footed colored girls from Philadelphia, representing the Meadowbrook Club, navigated a quarter-mile in 52 4-5 seconds for a new American record.

St. Louis, Mo.

The girls in the relay team were the Misses Frances Rapert, Madeline Adams, Dorothy Bugh and Grace Ritter. The time was five minutes faster than the previous record set by the University of California last year.

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DeHart Hubbard, University of Michigan star and holder of the American broad jump championship defeated Ned Gourdin, holder of the world's title, for the second time in two weeks. Gourdin leaped 23 feet 1-2 inches.

Earl Johnson, national ten mile champion, lost to Willie Ritolia in the 5,000 metre race, finishing second

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Race Players Admitted To U. S. Tourney

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Pittsburgh Pa.

Jones and Norman Compete in Flushing Queen's Tournament— Win Doubles.

By EDGAR G. BROWN
National Men's Single Tennis Champion

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W. and L. Eleven Refuses to Play Against Negro

Montgomery Advertiser
Montgomery, Ala.

WASHINGTON, October 6.—The scheduled football game between Washington and Jefferson and Washington and Lee Colleges was officially declared off today when the latter team refused to play against Charles West, star negro half back on the Red and Black team for the last three years and winner of the national pentathlon championship at Philadelphia last year. 10-7-23.

Upon arrival of the Washington and Lee team, Graduate Manager Richard A. Smith protested against playing West, declaring it was one of the traditions of the southern institution that its athletes should not compete against a negro player. Coach John W. Heisman declined to bar West from the game, pointing out that he was a bona fide student and had represented the college in three previous years, this being his final year.

The final decision in the controversy was made by the heads of the two institutions. Dean Harry Campbell, of the Washington and Lee faculty, informed of the situation by long distance telephone, gave instructions that the team should not play against a negro athlete. The ultimatum was delivered to President S. S. Baker, of Washington and Jefferson, who upheld Coach Heisman's ruling that West should not be barred.

"I am sorry the unfortunate situation arose," President Baker was quoted as saying. "I respect the traditions which Washington and Lee followed in refusing to play the game, but W. and J. College is a northern school with traditions too. It has never made any distinction against color or creed. Charles West, who was the cause of the controversy has been one of the best students in the college for the last three years. He has been an honor to the school both as a student and as an athlete.

BAN ON MIXED BOUTS TEMPORARILY LIFTED BY PA. COMMISSION

N.Y. Age

(Special Correspondence)

Philadelphia, Pa.—The Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, at the request of Attorney General Woodruff, decided on December 18 to suspend temporarily its rulin prohibiting mixed bouts until the Department of Justice has an opportunity to examine the legal phase of the matter. 12-22-23

The suspension of this ruling was in a large measure due to the fight made by Commmissioner Charles Fred White, the colored member of the Commission, who contends that the ruling is illegal. The Attorney General will meet with the Commission within the next ten days and the legality of the ruling will be discussed.

HUBBARD BEATS RECORD

COLORED JUMPER JUMPS OVER 25 FEET — NEARLY EQUALS GOURDIN'S WORLD'S RECORD.

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Ann Arbor, Mich., June 1, 1923.—With 339 athletes from 17 midwest universities entered, the western conference outdoor track and field championships will be decided on Ferry Field tomorrow.

Every university in the "big ten," with seven outside institutions, has entries. Notre Dame has the biggest entry of the non-conference universities. The other outside teams competing are Missouri, Drake, Washington of St. Louis, Michigan Aggies, Earlham and the western Michigan, state normal.

Two western conference records were shattered in the preliminaries today and these marks will stand as records tomorrow unless broken. De Hart Hubbard of Michigan, smashed the record for the running broad jump when he leaped 25 feet, 1½ inches, his first effort, beating the former "big ten" record made by Carl Johnson of Michigan in 1919, by a foot and a half inch, Hubbard's leap was just an inch and a half behind the world record made by Ed Gourdin of Harvard in 1921.

Duke Slater, Star Football Player, Turns Pugilist

Norfolk Journal & Guide

Davenport, Iowa.—Duke Slater, who won renown as a star football player at Iowa University, has turned to pugilism. He will make his bow in the squared circle to the public, in his bout with Battling Walker, a Moline, Ill., white heavyweight, at Davenport, Iowa, Thursday night, July 26. 8-4-23

While at Iowa University Slater was considered one of the leading boxers of that institution.

Ed. Walker, sports editor of The Minneapolis Journal, pays Slater the following tribute: "Duke Slater, Iowa's football star, is going to try his hand at pugilism. If he is half as good in the ring as he was on the gridiron, Jack Dempsey has something to worry about."

Sports—1923

Brilliant Play of Edgar Brown Enables Him to Retain Title of Tennis Champ

Dallas Express—Dallas, Texas 9-1-23

Chicago, Ill., Sept. 1.—Edgar G Brown, Indiana's bronze leopard playing thru national tennis champion, romped through three thrilling sets of the courts of the Prairie Tennis club Saturday afternoon and retained his title by defeating E. G Smith, New York's wonder boy champion of Philadelphia, to the tune of 6—3, 6—2, 11—9.

In defeating Saitch, Brown played the most spectacular and convincing tennis ever witnessed on the local courts. He played a winning game against another remarkable player and stood the gaff of a mob of spectators opposed to him. Saitch, who defeated Brown, in Philadelphia, was expected to turn the trick again. Brown's flash Saturday made the challenger's former victory look like a fluke.

One hundred fifty contestants from nearly twenty states, the East and the Mid-West, were entered in the Seventh Annual Tournament of the America Tennis Association. Excepting for one day, Tuesday, when it rained, the play went off without a hitch. The South Park Commission permitted the Association to use the public parks to catch up in the play, the first time such permission has ever been given to any club or group. The stands were filled with spectators during the entire week of play. Saturday additional seats had to be provided for the throngs that came to see the finals.

Miss Isadora Channels, national woman's champion of Chicago, defeated Mrs. Lottie Wade, the New York phenomena, in straight sets 8—6, 6—4. The New York woman swept through the early rounds of the tournament in brilliant fashion. In the match with Miss Channels, she gained a wide advantage in the first set, but the champion, displaying an unbeatable game at the net and a strong overhead, proved too strong for the form of the New Yorker and ran through the extra-game set in such manner as to elicit the constant applause of the spectators.

Men's doubles this year were won gy Dr. J. McGriff of Portsmouth, Va., and Dr. E. D. Downing, Roanoke, the same state, through default, from E. G. Brown, champion singles, and Ted Thompson of Washington. At the time Brown and Thompson defaulted the McGriff-Downing combination was leading, having lost the first set, won the second, and being ahead in the third.

The women's doubles title was copped by Miss E. Leonard, New York, and Mrs. Lottie Wade, New York, from Miss E. Glass and C. C. Ross, both of Kansas City, Mo., in straight sets. The first set proved a walk-away for the New York team. In the second set the Missouri girls rallied and forced their opponents to extend themselves. Miss Ross brought forth cheers with her service. The backhand work of Mrs. Wade was a large factor in the victory for New York, her returns catching her opponents unawares and forcing them to net the ball.

E. G. Saitch and Mrs. Wade won the mixed doubles championship from Dr. B. M. Rhetta and Miss N. Nicholson, both of Baltimore, 7—5, 6—3. Rhetta did spectacular work in the doubles, playing both fore and back courts in extraordinary manner. Heable and his partner, however, played an uphill game all along, the Saith-Wade duo offering a perfectly coordinated game, with Saitch strong on his service against Miss Nicholson, and Mrs. Wade commanding in the back court.

The Saitch-Brown match was the class of the tournament. There were several upsets, notably the defeat of J. F. Wilkinson, Washington, by J. McGriff, Portsmouth, Va. McGriff's work in singles was an outstanding feature of the tournament. Mrs. C. O. Seames, "mother" of the games 57 years young, won a hard match from Mrs. Norman, one of New York's leading players, 3—6, 8—6 7—5. Dr. O. B. Williams defaulted to R. A. Toney, his doubles partner in the singles, thereby eliminating himself from the finals. Brown defeated him for the Illinois championship in five hard sets in July.

The absence of Tally Holmes, former national champion, from the tournament was generally and generously commented upon.

In retaining his hold on the championship crown, Brown refused to toy with the New York expert. Known as a last minute player, the champion started in to rid himself of the Saitch threat. The battle developed into a test between steadiness and precision on one side, and a brilliant defense on the other. Saitch was always on the defensive, the champion forcing him into wizard-like recoveries. In most cases it was Brown who did the placing. Much of the playing was done from the back court where Brown who did thimhwherehetM F Brown backhand and accurate volleying earned him point after point.

Saitch was the first to serve, opening with an ace. This was duplicated, the champion seeming unable to recognize the lightning shots. Saitch won the game. The next game went to Brown. Each won his next service. Brown took the third and fourth and the lead. Saitch then earned another game before the champion clipped two more and the set. Both men were playing a cool game. Saitch drove many of his returns into the net. Brown's errors came from faulty placement. The last game was ended by two double faults made by Saitch. The New Yorker seemed unable to command the service that had earned him two aces in the first set. As the match wore on, the number of his double faults piled. Brown depended little on his service, apparently believing that it was better to beat the challenger in action.

The champion showed to his best advantage in the second set, the point score of 25-17 indicating the speed with which the set was run off. Saitch was netting often and his placements were bad. The spectators began to concede the match to the Hoosier and to lose faith in the youngster.

Dallas Express

In the third and deciding set Saitch fought all the way. Neither man was tired and each used all the strategy known to him. The set was replete with deuce games. Brown had started in to end it quickly. The New Yorker declared no, and fought with a determination that caused the onlookers to marvel. He outplayed the champion in the pinches of the early games. In the rallies he won, Brown being forced to chase from side to side of his back court, fore and aft, to keep up with the seemingly impossible returns of the challenger. He led until the 20th game had been won him and from then on it was first one and then the other in the lead until the 20th game had geen won by Brown, and the set 11-9.

He received an ovation as he jumped the net to shake hands with the defeated challenger.

Dallas, Tex.

Cups won by the various players and combinations included the following: by Brown—Second leg on Rhetta cup, second leg on Roosevelt State Bank cup, first leg on Liberty Life Insurance cup, and a permanent trophy from the Prairie Tennis club; by Miss Channels—Chicago Defender trophy, permanent; second leg on McCard cup, first leg on Ziff cup, and a permanent trophy from the Prairie Tennis club; Saitch and Wade, mixed doubles, two cups; Emma Leonard and L. B. Wade, women's doubles, two cups donated by the Chicago Daily News; J. McGriff and E. D. Downing, men's doubles, two cups donated by the Chicago Evening American; Richard Hudlin, cup for winning the Mid-western championship, given by Prairie Tennis club; E. G. Saitch and L. B. Wade, consolation cups as runners-up in men's and women's singles, respectively.

The 1924 tournament of the American Tennis Association will be held in Baltimore. 9-1-23

Officers of the Association elected for the coming year were: President, H. S. McCard; vice-president; Dr. O B. Williams; 2nd vice-president, Dr D. J. Howard; secretary, Gerald Norman; treasurer, Julius Rainford field secretary, Dr. R. B. Costa; official referee, D. Israel Hodge; chief of umpires, D. Wright. Mrs. B. Burnett, Harry Isaacs and L. M. Yarborough were named as members of the executive committee.

SAM LANGFORD ADDS ANOTHER TITLE TO HIS LIST

Colored Fighter Downs Champion of Spain in Six Runds.

(Pacific News Bureau.)

Mexico City, Mex., May 14.—Sam Langford, the veteran American negro fighter of 20 years ring activity, has within the last thirty days acquired the titles of heavyweight champion of Mexico and Spain. A few weeks ago Kid Savage, the champion of Mexico, met defeat at the hands of the veteran Negro. Last week the idol of Spain was disposed of in the sixth round. 5-17-23

The East Tennessee News Knoxville Tenn

Before an immense audience in the El Toreo bull ring, Sam Langford defeated Andrea Balsa, the heavyweight champion of Spain, in the sixth round of what was scheduled to be a finished fight. Langford received a challenge to the winner; however from the neat manner in which Langford disposed of the two champions there is but little hope of a return match or a likely candidate for Champion Langford.

Joseph Archer, Schenley High Runner, Stars

Speedy Lads From Other Schools Also Perform in Creditable Manner at Schenley Oval.

By MAX JOHNSON

Pittsburgh Courier 6/13/23

With ideal weather conditions prevailing, the 9th annual high-school track and field championships on Schenly Oval were marked by warm competition and witnessed by a large crowd.

Schenly High won the contest. Her victory was featured by the starring of her colored athletes. Joseph Archer won the 100 yd. and 220 yd. dashes in the fast time of 10 2-5 and 23 3-5 respectively. Archer also brought his relay team to a clean first in the mile championships in which a new city record was established. Time 3 min. 36 9-10 secs. In the 80 yd. low hurdles, F. Norris scored first with his team mate Wm. Randolph, third. Time 12sec. In the second hurdle event—for juniors and seniors—M. Thompson placed second. Norris also scored a third in the javelin throw. Purnell and Chinn placed third and fourth respectively in the pole vault and Green was second in the running broad and fourth in the running high jumps.

Thus, the colored athletes gathered most points for victorious Schenly in the Senior Championships, not to mention the fine work of her less experienced novices.

For Peabody — Ernest Watson pushed Archer and got a nice second in the 100 yd. dash, but fell to a poor fourth in the fast 220. Lewis ran a remarkable 440 in the mile relay, and only because of the lead given Archer was forced to second place.

Howell of Fifth Avenue High made good in the novices and led his school in scoring individual points.

Thomas Gibson of Westinghouse High School ran a clever race with Wm. Howell of Allegheny High, who set a new city record in the mile run. Gibson, also came in well within the old mark and lost primarily because of his inability to sprint at the finish. Time 4 min. 44 4-5 sec. C.

Smith ran a good 440 in the mile relay and mainly through his efforts his school placed third. Robert Bolden and Anderson deserve mention for their performances in the novice dashes and relays.

This fine day seemed also to be a holiday among former school teammates and rivals in the classroom and on the athletic field. C. Washington, R. Howard, and J. Brown of Virginia Union College; W. Stanton of Cornell; E. Dennis, N. Bolden, F. Randolph, L. Cowan, and A. Crockett of University of Pittsburgh were in the stands renewing old friendships. These lads just released from college were no doubt an incentive to the competitors who did so well and deserve much credit.

Harry Wills Makes Camp at East Cheshire, Mass., and Begins Training for Jack

Has Engaged Leo Gates as Sparring Partner and Hopes To Be in Shape If Long-Desired Chance To Meet the Champion, Jack Dempsey, Ever Eventuates.

Age
New York
7-14-23

Harry Wills, the leading colored heavyweight in the country and a strong contender for a championship bout with Jack Dempsey, established camp at East Chester, Mass., and begun training with the hope that he is at last about to get a chance to meet the champion. Wills and many of his friends realize that he will have a hard time getting into condition for such a bout, as the Brown Panther has had a layoff of a year and has only fought about four bouts in the past three years. Leo Gates, a heavyweight, recently returned to New York, has been engaged as his sparring partner. His manager feels that Wills will need at least one bout before fighting Dempsey, and has agreed to permit the colored champ to meet the winner of the Bill Tate- Clem Johnson fight sometime during the month of August. A bout with either Johnson or Tate will probably result in an easy victory for Wills, but it is hoped that this will help to put him in better condition for his big chance with Dempsey.

Jack Kearns was reported in several of the dailies as saying that Wills would be the next opponent for the champion and that he would come East to talk business with the promoters in a few weeks. It is thought that this sudden change in the attitude of Kearns is due largely to his belief that Wills has gone stale by his long layoff and would, therefore, be a less dangerous opponent than the winner of the Firpo-Willard fight.

Whether or not Wills gets a fight with Dempsey this summer will depend largely upon the Firpo-Willard contest on Thursday night, and the showing made by the winner. If the promoters really wish to find out which is the most worthy opponent for Dempsey they should match the winner of this bout with Wills and let the winner take on the champion.

Dan Morey of North Adams, Mass., is looking after Wills, who is accompanied by Mrs. Wills and Mr. and Mrs. James McCoy.

H. F. V. EDWARDS

Chicago Whip

When the American athletes went overseas to athe Olympic games in 1920 they were surprised to find a colored athlete recognized as the "Paddock" of the old shores. The man in question is Edwards, English sprinter extraordinary who is now in America. He hopes to be allowed to enter the leading meets of his country.

9-8-23

Edwards has been nicknamed the smiling cinder-man, as he is said to be able to run as fast as any runner in the world and at the same time look across at him and smile. Edwards is at present under suspension from the English Athletic Association, and until it is lifted cannot run. His case is similar to that of Paddock's, when the runner could not get sanction for participation in the meet at Paris from the A. A. U.

COLORED BOYS MAKE SPLENDID SHOWING IN PENN RELAY GAMES

West's Victory in Pentathlon, Biggest Surprise of Day, DeHart Hubbard Jumps Into Two Crowns, Lincoln and Howard Show Form, Local Boys Do Well.

The Pittsburgh American
5/11/23

The Penn Relay Games wound up with a blaze of glory for a goodly number of the Race entrants, especially is this true of West, all around athlete from Wash and Jeff, who outdistanced the field in the Pentathlon event by scoring 16 points and winning the National Pentathlon championship, or America's greatest all-around athlete and his superior running as anchor-man on W. and J. relay. De Hart Hubbarr, University of Michigan youth was the hero of the day annexing firsts in two events, broad jump (22 ft. 10¼ in.) and hop, step, and jump (48 ft. 10¼ in.). Had it not started a drizzly rain during the afternoon, an attempt to shatter the record of Ned Gomdin, would have been made by Hubbard, but the muddy ground would not allow him firm footing.

Gerald Allen, local boy on Univ. of Pittsburgh's mill relay team, ran a wonderful race, pulling his team from sixth place to third and a striking distance of first or second positions, but their anchor man could not hold his place and dropped back to sixth again. Jimmy Moore (another local boy) running as clean-up-man for Penn State, ran a wonderful race, but his pals had not assisted him, so the best Jimmy could do was a third. Henry Bridges, Pittsburgh product, ran well in the lead-off position for Howard University giving his team second place which they managed to maintain, losing to Gates College and beating Brown.

In the first college relay, Lincoln University pulled a surprise and landed easily in first place over St. Bonaventure College and Geneva. Gerald Leon, of the Dental School of Oral Surgery of New York, ran a splendid race for his institution, but his efforts could only land a third, as the balance of the team was not up to snuff. The colored youths from California did not compete owing to some eligibility rules of the East not coinciding with some of the West. List of events in which our boys placed are as follows:

Pentathlon

Discus throw—Won by Lieb, Notre Dame, 122 feet ½ inches; second, Betzmer, United States Coast Guard Academy, 119 feet ½ inch; third, Moroney, Georgetown, 117 feet 3 inches; fourth, Plansky, Georgetown, 114 feet 3¼ inches; fifth, Norton, Kansas, 113 feet 11¼ inches; sixth, Davis, Virginia, 110 feet 11¼ inches; seventh, Leggett, Navy, 110 feet 7¼ inches.

1,500 meter race—Won by West, Washington and Jefferson; second, Elkins, Haskell Institute; third, Moroney, Georgetown; fourth, Plansky, Georgetown; fifth, Newton, Florida. Time, 4:48 2-5.

Throwing javelin—Won by West, Washington and Jefferson, 167 feet 6½ inches; second, Betzmer. United States Coast Guard Academy, 166 feet 1 inch; third, Moroney, Georgetown, 160 feet 6¼ inches; fourth, Davis, University of Virginia, 160 feet 1 inch; fifth, Leggett. Navy, 159 feet 2¼ inches; sixth, Plansky, Georgetown, 154 feet 11¾ inches; seventh, Elkins, Haskell Institute, 150 feet 5½ inches.

Running broad jump—Won by Newton. University of Florida. 21 feet 11¾ inches; second, Elkins, Haskell Institute, 21 feet 2½ inches; third, Taylor Navy, 21 feet 1½ inches; fourth, West, Washington and Jefferson, 20 feet 9½ inches; fifth, Norton, University of Kansas, 20 feet 6½ inches; sixth, Davis, University of Virginia 20 feet 4½ inches; seventh; Lieb Notre Dame, 20 feet 4 inches.

COLLEGE EVENTS

First relay—Won by Lincoln University; St. Bonaventure's, second; Geneva college, third. Time, 3:33.

Third relay—Won by Hamilton college; Colby, second; New York university, third. Time, 3:29.

Fourth relay—Won by Gates; Howard university, second; Brown, third. Time, 3:26 1-5.

Middle Atlantic states, class B mile relay—Won by Washington and Jefferson; Haverford, second; Dickinson, third. Time, 3:32 2-5.

One mile college relay—Won by Columbia university; Navy, second; Penn state, third. Time, 3:26.

Running hop, step and jump—Won by Hubbard, Michigan, 48 feet 10¾ inches; second, Rose. Pennsylvania, 42 feet 3 inches; third, Taylor, Navy, 41 feet 6 1-5 inches; Fourth, Spitalin, New York University, 41 feet 4¼ inches.

Running broad jump—Won by Hubbard, Michigan; Rose, Penn, second; Goodboy, New York university, and Reed, Brown, tied for third; Reed won the toss. Distance—22 feet 10¼ inches.

Flowers To Fight Sept. 4 In Atlanta

Pittsburgh Courier
Pittsburgh, Pa.,
9-1-23

ATLANTA, Ga., Aug. 30.—After more than two months' effort on the part of Promoter Walk Miller he has finall ysucceeded in getting the signature of Willie Gibbs to a set of articles for a 12-round match between Jamaica Kid and Tiger Flowers. The match will be staged at the auditorium and is certain to attract one of the largest attendances of any boxing show in recent times.

Johnson Is Awarded Fight

Afro-American
5-18-23
Baltimore Md.

Havana, May 15.—Jack Johnson's attempted "come back" in his bout with Farmer Lodge here on May 6th was given a big boost, by the National Boxing Commission this week.

The fight ended in the fourth round when Lodge claimed that he had been fouled and the awarding of the final verdict was then withheld under a decision that the men must fight again. Doctors who examined Lodge said that although he had been hit low, he could not have continued as the result of the previous punishment he had received, the decision was given to Johnson.

Johnson is scheduled to hook up with Jack Thompson, a colored heavyweight, in the near future.

Sports—1923

Negro School Athletes Win Honors in Interscholastic Meet On Columbia U. Campus

New York Age

Several colored athletes were among the winners of the third inter-scholastic track meet, held on the campus of Columbia University, Saturday afternoon, May 5. 5-12-23

I. Young of the East Orange, N. J., High School was easily the winner of the running high jump, with 5 feet, 5 inches. James Fagin of Central High School, Newark, was second in this event, and third in the running broad jump.

Holmes, the New Jersey cross country champion, was the star of the 1-mile relay race. Holmes took the baton when his team was in sixth place and through his speed brought it up to second place.

The New York City high schools were not represented in the meet.

HARLEM N Y HOME NEWS
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Will Fight Jack Johnson Privately, Wills Declares

Revealing a bout between himself and Jack Johnson, colored, former heavyweight champion of the world which was abandoned because he says Johnson asked for too much money, Harry Wills the other day declared that the only condition under which he would meet Johnson would be for a side bet behind closed doors.

Representatives of the late F. W. Woolworth, according to Wills offered Jack Johnson and himself $75,000 each for a bout at Montreal when Johnson was freed from prison. The former champion held out, according to Wills, for $125,000 and the Woolworth interests forgot the matter.

"Now that Johnson sees that he cannot draw such a large purse," Wills says, "I am not going to permit him to get one on the strength of his bout with me. If he thinks Harry Wills is not a real contender he can bet me from 35 cents to $10,000 and fight me behind closed doors with a referee and seconds."

Although Wills did not fight the other day at the Yankee Stadium, he is considered the most logical contender for Jack Dempsey's heavyweight title in the present crop of fighters. He challenged any two of the fighters on the Milk Fund bill in an exclusive statement recently published in these columns, to five-round fights each in succession on one afternoon without any remuneration. He declares that none of the men on the card would meet him.

Unqualified denial of the statement published by Damon Runyon in the American yesterday morning, in which it was asserted that Wills had rejected a $10,000 cash offer to fight George Godfrey at the Milk Fund Show, came from the colored contender last night. Wills said that he had not been made any offer of any kind and that the statement that he was offered $10,000 to meet Godfrey was without foundation in fact.

U. S. TENNIS CHAMP. WINS AT CHICAGO

Edgar G. Brown Down To Semi-Finals In Illinois Matches

Afro-American Baltimore Md 6/29/23

Chicago, June 28.—Looks like Edgar G. Brown, present Illinois and National New York, Ohio, Indiana champion, net title holder, will retain his laurels.

He has entered the semi-finals having defeated John Taylor, Kansas City champion and the only player to win one set from him in practice this season. Score of match played on Monday at Prairie Tennis Club, Chicago 32nd and Vernon avenues where the national will hold forth August 20-26: 6-2, 3-6, 6-3. Brown kept Taylor guessing by his steady baseline driving and his uncanny volleying decisively to the corners fox needed and crucial points.

Taylor is a great "getter" being only a 20-year-old lad. Dr. O. B. Williams, 1921 Western champion is unlikely to play further as he injured his right hand. Richard Hudlin University of Chicago freshman champion and R. A. Toney with the cannonball service have also advanced to semi-final round.

The women's singles and men's doubles are up in the air with Toney and Williams, Lewis and Taylor, Brown and Hudlin going great. Mrs. O. Seams, Misses Dorothy Radcliffe, N. Henderson and Isadore Channels present Illinois and national champion all in the semi-finals, it looks like Dorothy or Isadore.

NEGRO NATIONAL LEAGUERS ARE IN ANNUAL SESSION

Chicago Defender

The Negro National league heads gathered in their annual meeting Dec. 6, at the Appomattox club. The awarding of the pennant and the 1923 championship to Kansas City took place. Among those in attendance besides the president, Rube Foster, who lives in this city, are Mrs. C. I. Taylor, owner of the Indianapolis A. B. C.'s; J. L. Wilkinson, owner of the Kansas City Monarchs, winners of the championship; John T. Blount, owner of the Detroit Stars, who finished second; Dr. Keyes and Sam Sheppard of St. Louis; Joe Rush of Birmingham (Ala.) Barons; Joe Green, owner of the Chicago Giants, and others. Gilkerson of Spring Valley, Ill., was in the city expecting to make several sales, as he uncovered several good ball players last summer. The Union Giants under his leadership put up a corking series with the St. Paul American association club at the end of the season. 12-8-23

A number of trades are expected to be pulled off. Matters pertaining to the future of the league and the admission of two clubs into the circuit are to be thrashed out. Although the meeting is closed to the public full details will appear in the columns of the World's Greatest Weekly, which is always first to give the public news.

Shows Well Against Godfrey.

N. Y. Age

Dempsey got his best sparring workout from Godfrey. The champion showed better against the negro than he has in several recent buots. Dempsey was agile and elusive and he carried a sustained attack against his friendly rival. Godfrey did not lay a glove on Dempsey for the first two minutes of their workout, which opened the champion's sparring activity.

Through the two rounds Godfrey hit Dempsey barely more than half a dozen times. The champion pounded the body solidly with wicked lefts and rights which shot past Godfrey's protecting arms and had the negro's knees sagging and his face reflecting the weariness he felt.

In the first round and again in the second Dempsey drove home with rights under the heart which almost toppled Godfrey and made the negro clinch tenaciously. Dempsey was varied in his attack, too. He shot over left hooks which grazed the chin, and with rights and lefts to the face stung Godfrey. In the first round a right to the jaw sent Godfrey toward the canvas in a sort of side dive, but the negro recovered and straightened.

Godfrey lashed out continually with punches for the face or body, but efforts were feeble and for the most part unsuccessful. Godfrey, a few times, reached the face with a light jab, but Dempsey, quick as a flash, shot over counters to the face until the Negro was on the defensive. Near the end of the second round, Dempsey hooked over a left to the jaw which dislodged the chin strap on Godfrey's headguard and rsent the elastic into the Negro's mouth, like a bit between the jaws of a horse. When the workout was over Godfrey was bleeding from the mouth and certified to the fact that "Jack sure was hitting hard today."

Burke, too, attested to the driving force back Dempsey's punches after the champion's second sparring workout. The Pittsburger hit Dempsey freely and easily with a right to the face, which either landed flush or glanced off Dempsey's hunched left shoulder. But, though Dempsey missed repeatedly and did not seem to exert himself offensively as he did against Godfrey, Burke did not get off unscathed.

Burke Suffers From Rib Blows.

The Pittsburgher's mouth was bleeding when he left the ring, and he was rubbing his sides where Dempsey had driven home rights and lefts to the body.

The workout against Drake was comparatively tame, save that the English heavyweight assimilated his daily punishment. Even in this, however, there was a change, for Drake left the ring without the crimson spouting from his nose—something unusual in view of the fact that Drake had suffered a bloody nose practically every day since he started sparring with Dempsey.

The champion directed his fire almost exclusively to the body and had Drake covering up, sore and weary through the greater part of the two rounds. In the second session Dempsey shifted his attack at times and with pile-driving rights and lefts to the head, past the shell-like defense in which Drake covered his jaw, had the English boxer staggering uncertainly about the ring.

The three sparring partners of Dempsey were not the only ones who today attested the champion's terrific punching strength. Big Ben Wray, the Sayre, Okla., giant whose seven feet, two inches and 250 pounds were stretched inert on the ring floor under one of Dempsey's left hooks yesterday. Today offered optical proof of the crushing force employed by Dempsey in attack. The Oklahoma giant showed a broken right jaw-bone.

The swelling noted on Wray's jaw yesterday proved to be surface indications of a fracture and the Oklahoma novice was removed to a hospital late last night. Today his jaw was wired and he was being fed through a tube according to his manager, Tex McCarthy.

Dempsey today expressed regrets at the injury his puch had produced. "I did not mean to hurt. I only wanted to fool around with him for a while," said the champion.

Inter-Collegiate Ass'n Names List of Officials For Three Major Sports

Hampton, Va.—The Colored Inter-Collegiate Athletic Association has approved the following names as officials:

Football—Benjamin Washington, Hubert A. Taylor, G. N. Lew, Fred D. Lawson, Wm. Wright, M. E. Moore, G. A. Keyes, Eddie Niles, C. E. Lightner, Dr. W. E. Morrison, J. H. Laws, C. L. Pinderhughes, L. T. Pinn, J. W. Anderson, L. U. Gibson, Dr. Frank Coppage, Charles H. Williams, H. G. Douglass, E. B. Henderson, C. E. Elder, Joseph Trigg, Clarence Jackson, F. T. Wilson and C. V. Bellinger.

Baseball—Aaron Nixon, A. L. Jackson, F. J. Jamison, Dr. Hargrove, Richard Lockett, Dr. George Jones, C. P. Hayes, Fred D. Lawson, J. H. Laws.

Basketball—H. D. Martin, Fred D. Lawson, G. A. Keyes, L. U. Gibson, Benj. Washington, E. B. Henderson, Neville Reed.

Institutions represented at the meeting were Lincoln, Shaw, Virginia Union, Virginia Normal, St. Paul and Hampton. W. A. Rogers of the Virginia Normal and Industrial Institute at Petersburg presided.

Race Member Of Commission Opposes Rocap

Pa.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec 13.—Expressing astonishment at "the decision of the boxing commission" to prohibit mixed bouts and further stating that he would fight the ruling as handed down by William H Rocap, chairman of the Pennsylvania state athletic commission, Charles Fred White, race member of the commission, told a Courier reporter here Tuesday that he knew nothing of the move until he read it in the newspapers. 12-15-23

The decision of Rocap would make it appear that he has overstepped his bounds in banning mixed bouts. The commission was formed about

Rocap Makes Statement

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 13.—In a statement to a Courier reporter, William H. Rocap, chairman of the State Boxing Commission, said that the ban was the direct result of a ruling of the Philadelphia Department of Public Safety. He stated that a change would be in effect after January, 1924, when the present regime went out.

The Citizens Republican League filed a protest with Governor Pinchot Tuesday night.

two months ago, and this is the first important step they have taken. It is the concensus of opinion that Rocap has acted summarily and that his "one-man" decision, as indicated by Havey J. Boyle's statement, is against the wishes of the general public. Long before a boxing commission was even thought of, mixed bouts were the order throughout the state, and no "racial trouble" has ever occurred.

White's statement follows:

Pittsburgh Courier

I was painfully astonished upon reading in the newspapers yesterday and today an announcement purported to have come from William H. Rocap, Chairman of the Pennsylvania State Athletic Commission, to the effect that there shall be no mixed bouts in Pennsylvania. I had not heard that Mr. Havey J. Boyle, of Pittsburgh, had been in this city recently to take part in the meeting at which this momentous question was taken up and decided. I am sure I did not attend any such meeting and witness any such decision, and I am equally sure that I shall vehemently oppose any star chamber meetings in Philadelphia or elsewhere in the state to render such decisions. I say this with not the slightest feeling of offense or animosity toward Mr. Rocap, for I think he is quite a fine fellow, generally, but in this instance he has overstepped his bounds of authority, in my opinion. Since he did not consult me before issuing his statement, there is no other manly, just and loyal course for me to take than to let the public know my side of the story. 12-15-23

I do remember that on last Saturday afternoon Mr. Rocap attempted to lecture me, his fellow commissioner, for allowing a mixed bout to go on at the National Athletic Club, because, as he said, he had promised Director Cortelyou that there would be no such bouts in Philadelphia before the end of the present Director's administration. The administration, he said, is afraid that mixed bouts will cause trouble between the races. I told him then that when I arrived at the National Club on last Friday night a number of questions had arisen which neither Robert A. Young, Secretary of the Commission, nor Thomas Wallace Swann, whom I had deputized to be there, would take the privilege of deciding and they were glad that I came in just at that time. I had intended to look in there only for a few minutes and then visit the Cambria club in Kensington, where there was a boxing show the same night.

After I got the points in question straightened out some of the spectators standing near called me and stated that a mixed bout had been advertised for the show at the National that night, but that for some mysterious reason it had been prohibited. I answered that I knew nothing about any such prohibitory order, and upon assurance that the bout had been advertised I told the promoters that, under the circumstances the effect of such changing of the program would be a fraud on the public and that they should put that bout on. They did, and there was more quietness during that mixed bout, as the police present will, no doubt, tell you, than during the bouts between two colored or two white contestants that night. The whole audience applauded when it was learned that the mixed bout would be staged, and, contrary to any semblance of trouble, I heard a colored fellow sitting just behind me scolding another who cheered rather loudly at one point, with the admonition that "We are on trial here. You know this is the first time we have had a mixed bout for a long time. Keep still, you —— fool." A large number of persons present, both white and colored, and including some of the most prominent boxing advocates in this end of the state, shook hands with me afterwards and commended me for my action, saying that the public wants mixed bouts.

I told Mr. Rocap during his attempted lecture to me on Saturday that since the law which created the State Athletic Commission does not discriminate on account of race or color, I would strictly oppose any discrimination in administering it. If the Legislature had intended to prohibit mixed bouts, it would have incorporated at least an intimation of such in the Act, and it is a violation of the spirit of the Act to attempt any such discrimination. I told him, too, that I had made some investigation of the reason for the order of the Director of Public Safety of Philadelphia prohibiting mixed bouts in this city and had been informed by many of the devotees of boxing that it was prompted by political animosity and antagonism.

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The oath of office which we Commissioners swore to when appointed by Governor Pinchot requires us to uphold and strictly enforce the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States and does not give us any right, leave or privilege to read anything into them or maladminister them, and so long as I am in office I intend to see that any laws with which I have anything to do, are strictly, justly and impartially enforced, without regard to whose ox is being gored or who is doing the goring. Furthermore Mr. Rocap, having had no legal training, does not know that any promoter of boxing under this law could go into court and prevail in a restraining order or injunction by the tribunal against the State Athletic Commission for interfering with his rights under his license to promote boxing bouts, if we have no other reason than color prejudice for the prohibition.

There is no ordinance in Philadelphia prohibiting boxing bouts and I have good assurance that there will not soon be any such ordinance passed. Mr. Rocap, I understand, cites section 5 of the State Athletic Commission act as giving him the right to discriminate, but he is off; there is no such authority given. Why did he not ask the Director to use the police in their proper function to prevent any trouble which might arise from the staging of a mixed bout, instead of attempting to deprive citizens of their "right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness" by preventing them from earning a living in their chosen business or occupation? When the Sergeant of Police at the National last Friday night informed me that they had orders to keep hands off and that they could not stop any bouts or interfere contrary to the authority of the Commissioners, I told him that I should expect the police to respond to any request of the Commission or managers of any boxing show to prevent or stop any violations of decorum under the mmission's jurisdiction. He an- d that the police were glad to rate with the Commission for the public welfare. Neither Mr. Rocap nor Mr. Cortelyou need have any fear of trouble if they will insist upon strict enforcement of the laws. The chief reason that serious trouble arises is that the authorities charged with the enforcement of the Constitutions and laws of both the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and the United States shamefully neglect their duty until the situation becomes a serious menace. Nip the trouble in the bud and there will be no blossom. I understand that Mr. Rocap has also written to Chester, Pa., to prohibit a mixed bout advertised and scheduled there, but I do not see how the Philadelphia director's order can affect Chester. I was called up from there yesterday and informed that the Mayor of Chester did not oppose mixed bouts. It is a violation of the boxing law to admit persons under sixteen years of age to boxing, sparring or wrestling matches or exhibitions, and at the National last Friday night I had a number of such children whom I saw there sent out, but at the Arena last night, where Mr. Rocap had preceded me, I saw such children under age present and called the attention of the police officer near me to the fact that it was a violation of the Act and that the management of the place should be warned to stop it. However, I do not see any mention of it in our chairman's statement this morning. As I am not afraid of criticism from any source when engaged in the performance of my duty, moral or legal, I wish it distinctly understood that I shall stand and contend to the last ditch for the absolute, just fair enforcement of the laws I have sworn to administer, whether in the case of the big promoter or the little boxer.

(Signed) Charles Fred. White,
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RICKARD PUTS BOUT UP TO COMMISSION

MAY 23, 1925

Requests State Boxing Body to Lift Ban on Dempsey-Wills Meeting.

LABOR DAY DATE PROPOSED

Promoter Changes Mind and Enters Bidding for Much-Discussed Match for Title.

The proposed bout between Jack Dempsey and Harry Wills for the heavyweight championship of the world yesterday was put squarely up to the New York State Athletic Commission. Frank Coultry, manager of Madison Square Garden, appeared before that body at its regular weekly meeting and, in behalf of Tex Rickard, asked that the ban on the bout be lifted in order that the promoter might proceed with plans to hold it in this city on Labor Day. The commission gave an attentive ear to the proposal and then deferred action, probably until next week.

The entrance of Rickard into the list of those who would stage the bout brings the number of would-be promoters of the contest to three and also marks a distinct change of heart on Rickard's part. Several months ago Rickard announced that he would not consider the promotion of a Dempsey-Wills bout. Yesterday he said that his friends had persuaded him to change his mind. Rickard also announced that he had been in touch with Jack Kearns and that the champion's manager had requested him to use his influence to have the edict which barred the holding of the bout in this State annuled.

Simon Flaherty, who at the present time controls the Queensboro A. C., is known to be anxious to conduct the bout and is reported as being willing to erect a stadium seating approximately 150,000 persons in Long Island City if his bid is accepted. Benjamin Block, the turfman, and his partner, Peter J. Maloney, brokers, at 74 Broadway, who had been reported as interested in the stadium project, yesterday issued a statement in which they declared the report without foundation and denied any interest whatever in the matter.

O'Rourke Renews Offer.

The third promoter who has expressed a willingness to hold the bout is Tom O'Rourke of the Polo Grounds A. C. O'Rourke has renewed an offer to Dempsey made earlier in the year for two championship bouts to be held at the Polo Grounds. The first to be with an opponent and at a date to be selected later and the second to be with Wills on or about Labor Day.

All three promoters are understood to have reached an agreement with Mullins for Wills's services and Dempsey and Kearns have from time to time emphasized their willingness to do business wherever and whenever the terms were to their liking.

Rickard, while discussing the bout yesterday, said that the Yankee Stadium would be available in case it was possible to hold it in New York State, while Boyle's Thirty Acres in Jersey City would be available in case it became necessary to take the bout out of the jurisdiction of New York State.

There probably has been more discussion and less action about the proposed Dempsey-Wills contest than in any other bout in the history of the sport. One great reason for this, of course, has been that Wills is a negro and that all those concerned hesitated to definitely arrange the contest for fear of interference from some governmental authority. However, William Muldoon, Chairman of the New York State boxing body, last June accepted a challenge for a bout with Dempsey from Wills and a deposit of $2,500 from Wills's manager, Paddy Mullins, guaranteeing good faith. Muldoon then insisted that the champion accept the challenge within six months under threat of suspension if he failed to do so.

Action Is Revived.

Dempsey signed, thus causing great excitement and inciting various offers from boxing promoters at previously unheard-of figures. There the matter ended. The whole affair apparently was well on the way toward being forgotten when Jack suddenly set the ball rolling again by announcing that the bout was on and would be held in the metropolitan district on Labor Day.

Mullins followed Kearns's announcement with a letter to the Boxing Commission demanding to know why Wills should not be permitted to box Dempsey, and this letter was also discussed, but not acted upon, at yesterday's meeting of the commission.

With Rickard entering the field and requesting permission to stage the bout, with Flaherty expressing a willingness to build a gigantic stadium to house it, O'Rourke repeating his offer and Mullins demanding a chance for Wills, it looks as if the commission will be forced to take definite action in the matter. Definite action must perforce take one or two forms, either the commission must support Chairman Muldoon's ruling against the holding of the bout here, or it must rescind that ruling and sanction the bout. Chairman Muldoon has said that his attitude toward the bout has not changed in the least. Whether that is true of the remainder of the commission and of the new licensing body probably will be known after next Tuesday's meeting.

SAM LANGFORD TO QUIT RING

The Guardian

El Paso, Tex., Aug 14, 1923—Sam Langford, once the terror of the ring and even still dangerous contender 8-18-23 has announced that he is thru with the fighting game, according to dispatches from that city, where he recently lost the heavyweight championship of Boston, Mass. Mexico to Clem Johnson.

The passing of Langford will ring down the final curtain on one of the most picturesque, historic, colorful and popular fighters in the history of this country. Langford is said to be the only fighter whom Jack Johnson the former heavyweight champion of the world ever feared, and he has fought more than 324 ring battles.